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ANNO VICESIMO SECVNDO HENRICI OCTAVI.

STATVTA BONVM PVBLICVM CONCERNENTIA EDITA IN parliamento tento apud vvestm. xvi. die Ianuarii, Agno regni prepotentissimi et metuendissimi Anglie & Francie regis, fidei defensoris, & domini hibernie, Henrici octaui. xxii. post diuersas prorogationes eiusdem parliamenti primo incheati apud Londinum iii die Nouembris, Anno xxi. eiusdem regis: et inde adiurnati et prorogati vsque ad vvestmonasterium, et ibidem continuati per. xliiii. dies, Videlicet vsq; ad. xvii. diem Decembris: et ab eodem die et loco vsq; xxvi. diem Aprilis proxi. sequentis: et ab eo die vsq; ad. xxii. diem Iunii, et ab illo die ad primum diem Octobris, et a primo die Octobris vsque ad xxii. diem eiusdem mensis, et ab illo die vsque xvi. diem Ianuarii secundum leges terre rite prorogati, et ibidem continuati per. lxxv. dies, videlicet ad vltimū diem martii eodem Anno. xxi. et inde vlterius prorogati vsq; ad xiii. diem Octobris proxime sequentis.

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¶ An acte concernyng mayntenaunce of drapry and
againſt regratyng of wolles. Cap. i.

WHere at a parliament holden at weſtminſter in the .iiii. yere of the reygne of the moſte victoriouſe Prince of famous memorie kynge Henry the ſeuenth, mooſte dere father vnto the kynges highnes our ſouereigne Lord, for the encreaſe and mayntenaunce of drapery, and makynge of woollen clothes within this realme, it was eſtabliſhed and enacted that no maner perſoune by hym ſelfe, or by any other, ſhould bie or bargayne from the firſt day of Marche whiche was in the yere of our lorde God. M. CCCC. lxxix. any wolles than vnſhorne of the growyng of Barke ſhyre, Oxforde ſhire, Glocetour ſhire, Herforde ſhire, Shrop ſhire, worceſter ſhire, Eſſex, wilteſhire, Somerſette ſhire, Dorſette ſhire, Hampe ſhire, Hartford ſhire, Cãbrige ſhire, Norfolke, Suffolke, Kente, Surrey, or Suſſex, or of any of them, before the feaſt of the aſſumption of our Lady than nexte enſuynge, or bie or bargayne any wolles, or take promiſſe of bargayne of any wolles, that ſhould growe in any of the ſayd ſhyres in any yere or yeres to come after the ſayd feaſt of thaſſumpcion of our lady, any tyme before the ſame feaſte of the aſſumpciõ of our lady that ſhuld be next after the sheryng of the ſame woll or wolles, but onely ſuche perſones as of the ſayd wolles ſhould make or doe to be made yerne or cloth within this realme, vpõ peine of forfaiture of the double value of all the ſayed wolles bought or to be bargayned or taken by promiſe of bargaine contrary to the ſayd ordinance. Nor that any marchant ſtranger by himſelf, or by any other perſon in any yere than to come, ſhould by any wolles before the feaſt of the Purificacion of our lady nexte after the clippyng or sheryng of the ſame, vpon lyke peyne of forfayture: The one half of ſuch forfaiture to be to the kynges vſe, and the other halfe to him that wolde ſue the partie that ſhulde breke the ſayd ordenance. And that any perſon that wolde ſue in that part, ſhuld haue an accion of Dette of the ſayed forfayture, and ſuch proces in the ſame accion ſhuld be had, as is in accion of Dette at the commen lawe, or after the cuſtome of the citie borough or towne, where it ſhould happen to be ſued, and that no eſſoine ne proteccion ſhould be allowed for the defendaunt in that accion, nor that the defendant therin ſhould be admitted to wage his law. And furthermore it was ordeyned by the ſame acte, that no maner perſone beyng ſworne to be a wolle packer in any wyſe after the ſayd firſte daye of Marche ſhould bie or bargayne any maner of wolle, for any ſuche marchant ſtranger within this realme, vpon payne of forfaiture of the ſame wolle ſo bought bargayned or gathered to the vſe of any ſuch marchãt ſtranger, as by the ſame act is playnely declared. The which good ſtatute and acte was made onely to indure for the terme of .x. yeres than next enſuyng, whiche terme is nowe

long time paste and expired. Sythen the expiracion wherof there haue ben and dayly be many broggers regratours & gatherers of wolles within the saide shires, as well to the vse of straungers as the kinges englysshe subiectes, whiche drape not the same wolles within this realme, whiche broggers and gatherours preuent so the clothmakers in the prouision of the said wolles, and put verely such prices to the same, that the cloth makers by whom any of the kinges subiectes of this realme haue be commōly set a worke, can not drape ne be able for lacke of wolles at reasonable prices to drape such multitude of wollē clothes, as they haue ben accustomed in tymes paste, by reason wherof many of the kynges subiectes, which liued by drapery, for lacke of worke be brought to ydlenes, & dayly incurre and fall to robberies & other inconueniences. For reformacion whereof it maie please the kinges highnes, by thassent of the lordes spiritual & temporal & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritee of the same to establish & enacte that the said estatute made in the said iiii. yere of the reygne of the saied late kynge, be reuiued in euery article thereof, and from the firste day of Marche nexte commyng to stande in as good strength qualitee and effecte in euery article therein conteyned, as it was in any tyme within the sayed. x. yeres expressed in the same estatute: and so to endure for the terme of. x. yeres from nowe nexte ensuyng, and frō thende of those. x. yeres vnto thende of the nexte parliamente to be holden after the same yeres. And furthermore it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritee of this present parliamēt, that no maner person in any wise after the first day of Marche nexte commyng, shall bie or bargayne any maner of wolle, within this realme for any marchaunte straūger nor take any promise of bargayne or sale of any wolle for any marchaunt straūger within this realme, vpon penne of forfaiture of the same woll so bought, or wherof promise or bargaine or sale shalbe takē, or the value of the same wolles. This acte to endure from the said first day of Marche next commyng vnto thende of. x. yeres next ensuyng and further as is aboue written. Also it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritee of this parliament, that all worsted makers, makers of saies stamins hatters & cappers of this realme, shall haue from hensforthe lyke lybertie and tyme of byeng and prouision of wolles for the onely vse and employmentes of making of worstedes sayes stampynes hattes and cappes within this realme, as is ordeyned by the saied acte made in this present parliament, and by the sayde acte made in the saied fourthe yere of the reygne of kynge Henry the. vii. for clothers and makers of yarne. And further be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that this acte and euery article and thing therin conteyned shal take effect and be put in execucion, as wel within the shires of Bus. Northampton, Leycester, Huntyngdon, warwyke, Lincolne, Darbie, Rutlande, Notyngham, and yorke, as in any of the shires aboue rehersed for prouision or byeng of any wolles of the growe of any of the same shires of Bus.

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Northampton, Leycester, Huntyngton, warwike, Lincolne, Darby, Rutlande, Nothingham & yorke, contrary to any article cõteyned in this presente acte, and that all bargaynes couenauntes promises contractes and prouisions for wolles heretofore made, or at any time hereafter before the firste day of Marche nexte commyng to be made by any person or persons in any of the shires above reherced for any yere or yeres to comme, shall be voyde & of none effect exepte the byer prouider or such persons, to whome any suche former contracte or promyses is made, do put the same wolles by him receiued by reason of any such former contract, couenaunt or promise into yarne or clothe within this realme.

¶ An acte concernyng the tryall of forein plees pleaded by felons. Cap. ii.

Where among othes thynges it was considered by the hole court of parliamẽt of our moste excellent souerayne lord the king holden in the .iiii. yere of his noble reygne, that murderers & felons, laufully arrayned of their detestable offences, bare them bolde vpon imagining & pleading of feyned & untrewe forein plees triable in forein coũties, to thentẽt to be remoued from place to place by colorable & untrue suggestions, & for to be untruely acquit by fauour might or corrupcion, so that they lyued in maner without feare or drede: For reformacion whereof, & for the commen welth of this realme, it was enacted by auctorite of the sayd parliament, that if any murderer or felon vpon his arrainemẽt frõ then did allege, that he had takẽ any church or churchyarde for murder or felony, or other place priuileged for the same in a forein county, & against his wil was takẽ out thereof: That than the kinges attorney, or anie other persone that wolde sewe or alledge for the king, that the saied murderer or felon so arrayned, was taken at large in the same shire, where he is so arrained, that then the same allegaunce & issue shulde be tried by the inquest that shoulde trie the said murder or felony within the same shire, and before the same Justices where the said murderer or felon, is arrayned, as though the saied forein plee had not be pleded by the saied felon. And that if it were founde by the same inquest, that the said murderer or felon was taken within the same shyre, as is afore said, that than he to haue no aduantage or benefite of the matter alledged by him for taking out of the church or churchyarde, or other place priuileged in any such forein shire, & that the sayd acte should endure to the next parliament from than ensuenge, as by the same acte made in the saied .iiii. yere. manifestly appereth. And for as muche as sythe the time of expiracion of the saied acte made in the sayed fourth yere many abhompnable murders, as well of priestes as of other persones robberies of churche, and robberies of persones in their houses, as well by daye as

by nighte, and other moſt deteſtable murders and felonies haue ben committed and done within this realme. And the more often bicauſe that the ſaied ſtatute hath ben expired and ended from and ſins the begynnynge of the parliamente of our ſaied ſoueraygne lorde, holden in the. vi. yere of his moſte noble reygne: It is ordeined & enacted by auctoritee of this preſent parliament, that the ſaied acte made in the ſayed. iiii. yere, and euery thyng therin conteyned, concernyng the ſaied foreyne plees and replicacions therunto to be made and trials therof, ſhall now be reuiued, and ſhall ſtande in full force and effect, and ſhall continue and endure from henſforth for euer, as if the ſame acte had ben originally made perpetuall and not determinable.

¶ An acte concernyng Plumſtede Marſhes. Cap. iii.

Where as the Marſhes of Plumſtede and leſeues, with the outragiouſneſſe of the riuer of Thamys, hath bene and yet be drowned by occaſio of the breches in the marſhe walles of Plumſtede leſeues and Erithe: And where the breche in Ploumſtede marſhe afore ſaied hath bene and is made, for inmynge of which breche of Ploumſtede and maintenance and defence of the marſhe walles aboute the ſame breche, as well for makyng of a newe croſſe wall to be made from the Thamys vnto the vplande for inmynge of the ſayed marſhe of Ploumſtede, as alſo for the inmynge of certayne nombre of acres in the leuell and marſhes of leſeues to be incloſed inned and defended by the ſayed croſſe walle from the water of Thamys, commyng in at Erethe breche, and drowmyng and ouerflowing the ſayed Marſhe and leuell, and for draynynge of the ſame, and for the mayntenaunce of the olde marſhe walles by the Thamys ſyde from the ſayde newe croſſe walle nyghe vnto wolwyche, diuers and ſundry Celles ſcottes and Taxis haue ben made celled ſcotted ſette and tared by vertue of commiſſion, and the daie of paiementes therof in the pariſhe Churche of Ploumſtede, accordynge as heretofore for celles of Ploumſtede marſhe hath ben accuſtomed, hath ben declared and proclamed, whiche celles ſcottes and taxes diuerſe poſſeſſioners owners landelordes tenantes and profite takers of the ſayde landes within the ſayde marſhes and leuell at the daie mencioned and appoynted by proclamacion, haue not payed, nor yet do paie, contrary to the lawes of Ploumſtede marſhe heretofore made, by which lawes for none paiement of ſuch celles ſcottes and taxes, thei ought to paie them and theyr doubles. In defaute of whiche paiemente the ſayd bayly of the ſaied marſhe and leuell nowe beyng, and other by his aſſignement to their great hynderance haue ben conſtrained to paie diuers of the ſaid ſcottes celles and taxes for the inning of the ſaid marſhe maintenance and defence of the ſame, or elles the ſame marſhes & leuell had ben vtterly

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loste without remedy. For the recouery or which cesses scottes, and taxes so by the baily and his assignes paied, and of other scottes and cesses nowe due, by the occasion of the saied outragious drownynge of the saied marshes, the saied bayly and his assignes haue no remedy or meane to leuy the same: So that for nonepaiment of the said cesses, scottes and taxes not only the saied warke is like to perishe, and not like to be finished, onlesse spedie remedie may be had for the leuying therof, but also all such summes of money as before this time haue ben imploied for the inuyng defence and maintenaunce of the same, are like to be lost, to the vtter distruction of the saied marshe and leuel, and to the extreme ruine and decay of the countrey therunto adioynyng, and to the greate decay of the riuer of Thamis afore said, and to the disherison, as well of our soueraigne lorde the kinge as of other owners possessioners and tenauntes that haue do and will pay such cesses scottes & taxes, as before this time or in time to come hath or shalbe cessed sette and taxed for the same. In consideracion wherof be it enacted by our soueraigne lorde the king, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that the bayly of the saied marshes and leuell now beyng or his assygnes, shall and may by force of this acte, make proclamacion on any sonday hereafter ensuyng in the parishe churche of Plumstede aforesayde, as well of this acte as also that all suche cesses, scottes and taxes at the time of the sayde proclamacion made, beyng behinde and vnpaied, shalbe payed at a certaine place in the said proclamacion to be limitted, within .xx. daies nexte ensuyng after the day of the same proclamacion. And he that so payeth, shalbe discharged of any doubles due heretofore for none payemente of the same. And if the saied cesses, scottes and taxes be not payde by the ende of the saide .xx. daies after suche proclamacion to the sayd bayly his executours or assignes, that then euery person or persons, which ought to paye the same cesses scottes & taxes, shall forfaite the doubles of the same cesses scottes and taxes: And that than if the saied cesses, scottes, and taxes and theyr doubles be not paied by the feaste of saynete Mychaell tharcaungell nowe nexte commyng, vnto the saied bayliffe his executours or assygnes: than it shall be lefull to euery owner possessioner landelorde tenaunte and profitte taker of landes and tenementes and other profites within the said marshes and leuell, or any other person or persons, whiche hath dothe and will pay to the saied bayliffe his executours or assignes suche cesses, scots, and taxes or any of them so dewe and vnpaied by any other owner possessioner, landlorde, tenaunt profit taker of landes and tenementes within the same leuel, to entre into al the saied landes and tenementes and other profites within the saied marshes and leuel so cessed scotted and taxed, and the same from thensforth to haue hold perceiue and occupy to him or them, his or their heyres, successours or assignes for euer by vertue of this preset act without let or interrupcion of any of the same owners possessioners land-

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lordes tenauntes takers of profites termers or any other person or persons which haue or shal haue any estate title interest vse or terme in any of those landes and tenementes & other profites so cessed scotted and tared by reason of any intayle, gifte, graunte or other title what so euer it be.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the same law shall be had and executed for any scot, tare or cesse hereafter to be had and made before the feast of the Natiuitie of saunct John Baptist now next comming by vertue of any commission within any of the said marshes and leuel, any acte or vse to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alway this acte not withstandynge, that such person or persons their heyres and assignes, who so euer shall so renne in the doubles & losse of his or their landes, may at any time within iii. yeres next folowing the time limitted for the losse of the saide lande, bryng in and pay the saide cesses tares and his or their doubles to him or them that shall haue the sayd lande by the auctoritee of this act, or to his heires or assignes, and so to enioy his or their land againe from the day of the paiment of his or their saied money for the said cesses tares and doubles or elles they and euery of them, their heires and assignes to be from thens forth excluded and barred from al title right, vse possession action and entre to be had of or to the saied landes or any parcell therof for euer.

¶ Prouided alway and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any man hauing any landes in possession or in vse in the right of his wife, tenaunte by the curtesie, tenaunt in dower, tenaunte for terme of life, terme of yeres, tenaunt by Elegit, tenaunt by statute marchaunt, gardein in sorage, gardeine in chiualrie or any other hauynge any particular interesse vnder estate of inheritance in any landes, tenements or any other yerely profites chargeable to the sayd cesses, scottes, tares and doubles, now rated, tared or sette, or hereafter to be rated, tared and sette, which haue before this time paied, or at any time hereafter shall pay duryng his or their said interest in or to the same, any summe or summes of money for the defence inuyng and maintenaunce of the saide marshes and leuel, ouer and aboue al such summe or summes as he or they haue or shal receiue and take of the same landes or other yerely profittes, that from thens forth it shalbe lawfull vnto euery suche particular tenaunt occupier or other profit taker, their executours or assignes by force and vertue of this present act to holde keepe, posses and reteine the same landes or other yerely profittes to his or their owne vse, against all and euery suche person or persons, to whom the same landes, tenementes, or other yerely profites shoulde and ought to discend remayne or reuerte after all and euery such particular estate expyred and determined, vntil he or they haue fully received, taken and had of and vpon the same all suche summes of money as they or any of them haue bestowed, imploied, expended and paied in and for the defence inuyng & maintenaunce of the same.

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¶ An acte concernyng exactions leuied on prentises. Ca. iiii.

AT the praier of the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, recityng that where it was established and enacted in the xix. yere of our late soueraigne lorde kynge Henry the .vii. that no maister wardens and felowship of craftes, or any of them, nor any rulers of guildes or fraternitees take vpon them to make any actes or ordinaunces, ne to execute any actes or ordinaunces by them hereafter made or hereafter to be made in disinheritaũce or diminution of the prerogatiue of the kyng, nor of other, nor against the common profite of the people, but if the same acte or ordinaunces, be examined or approued by the Chauncellour, Treasourer of England, or chief Justice of either benche, or .iii. of them, or before the Justices of Assise in their circute or progresse in the shire, where suche actes, or ordinaunces be made, vpon peine of forfaiture of .xl. li. for euery time that they do the contrary as more playnely in the sayde acte doth appere. Syth which time diuers wardens and felowships haue made actes and ordinances, that euery prentise shall pay at his firste entree in their common hal to the wardens of the same felowship, some of them .xl. s. some .xx. s. some .xx. s. some .xiii. s. iiii. d. some vi. s. viii. d. some .iii. s. iiii. d. after their owne senister minde and pleasure, contrarie to the meanyng of the acte aforesayed, and to the great hurte of the kinges true subiectes puttyng their child to be prentise. It is therfore now ordeined established and enacted by the king our soueraigne lorde, by the aduise of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no maister wardens or felowships of craftes or maisters or any of them, nor any rulers of fraternities take from hensforth of any a prentise or of any other person or persons for the entre of any prentise into their saied felowship aboue the summe of .ii. s. vi. d. nor for his entre whan his yeres & terme is expired and ended aboue .iii. s. iiii. d. vpon peine of forfaiture of .xl. pounde for euery time that they do to the contrary: the one half to the king our soueraigne lorde, the other halfe to the partie that therfore shall sue by action of dette, informacion, or otherwise: and that in the action aforesayde no protection or essoyne shall be allowed.

¶ An acte concernyng repayryng and amendyng of bridges in highe waies. ca. v.

BE it enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that the Justices of peace in euery shire of this realme fraunchise citie or borroughe or .iiii. of them at the least, whereof one to be of the quorum,

rum, shall haue power and auctoritee to enquire here and determine in the kynges generall sessions of peace, of all maner of anoysaunces of bridges broken in the highe waies, to the damage of the kinges liege people, and to make such proces and peines vpon euery presentment afore them for the reformacion of the same again such as owen to be charged for the makyng or amendyng of suche bridges, as the kinges Justices of his benche vse commonly to do, or as it shal seeme by their discretions to be necessary and conuenient for the spedie amendement of suche bridges. And where in many partes of this realme it cannot be knowen and proued what hundred riddyng, wapentake, citie, borough, towne, or parishe, nor what person certaine or body politike ought of right to make suche bridges decayed, by reason wherof suche decayed bridges for lacke of knowledge of such as owen to make them, for the most part lieng long without any amendemēt to the great anoisaunce of the kinges subiectes: For the remedy therof be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaide, that in euery such case the said bridges, if they be without the citie or towne corporate, shal be made by the inhabitantes of the shire or ridding, within the which the said bridge decaide shal happen to be: And if it be within any citie or towne corporate, than by the inhabitauntes of euery such citie or towne corporate, wherin such bridges shall happen to be. And if parte of any suche bridges so decayde happen to be in one shire, riddyng, citie or towne corporate, and the other part therof in an other shire riddyng, citie or towne corporate, or if parte be within the limittes of any citie or towne corporate, and parte without, or parte within one riddyng, and part within an other: that then in euery such case the inhabitauntes of the shires, riddinges, cities or townes corporate shal be charged and chargeable to amende make and repayre suche parte and portion of suche bridges so decayed, as shall lie and be within the limittes of the shire riddyng citie or towne corporate, wherin they be inhabited at the time of the same decaies.

¶ And be it further enacted, that in euery suche case, where it cannot bee knowen and proued what persons, landes, tenementes, and bodies politik owen to make and repayre suche bridges, that for spedy reformacion and amendinge of such bridges, the Justices of peace within the shires or ryddynges wherin suche decaied bridges ben out of cities & townes corporate and if it be within cities or townes corporate: than the Justices of peace within euery suche citie or towne corporate, or iiii. of the saide Justices at the least, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue power and auctoritie within the limittes of their seuerall commissions and auctho[r]ities to calle before them the Constables of euery towne and parishe, beyng within the shyre riddyng, citie or towne corporate, as wel within liberte as without wherin suche bridges or any parcell therof shall happen to be, or elles .ii. of the most honest inhabitauntes within euery suche towne or parishe in the saied shyre riddyng, citie or towne corporate by the discretion of the sayde

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Justices of peace, or .iiii. of them at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum: And at and vpon the apparances of such Constables or inhabitauntes, the saied Justices of peace, or. iiii. of them, wherof one to be of Quorum, with the assent of the saied constables or inhabitantes shall haue power and auctorite to taxe and sette euery inhabitaunte in any suche citie towne or parish within the limittes of their commissions and auctorites to such reasonable ayde and somme of money, as they shall thinke by their discrecions conuenient and sufficient for the repayring, reedifienge and amendement of suche bridges, and after suche taracion made, the sayde Justices shall cause the names and sommes of euery particular person, so by them taxed, to be written in a rolle indented. And shal also haue power and auctorite to make .ii. collectours of euery hundred, for collection of al such summes of money, by them sette and taxed, whiche collectours receiuynge the one parte of the saied rolle indented vnder the seales of the saide Justices, shall haue power and auctoritee, to collecte and receiue all the particular sommes of money therin conteyned, and to distreine euery such inhabitante, as shalbe taxed and refuse paiment therof, in his landes, goodes and cattalles, and to selle suche distresse, and of the sale therof retaine and perceiue al the money taxed, and the residue (if the distresse be better) to deliuer to the owner therof. And that the same Justices, or .iiii. of them, within the limittes of their commissions and auctorities, shall also haue power and auctorite to name and appoint .ii. Surueiours, whiche shall se euery such decayde bridge repayred and amended from time to time, as often as neede shall require, to whose handes the sayde collectours shall pay the sayde sommes of money taxed, and by them receiued, and that the collectours and Surueyours and euery of them, and their executours and administratours and the executours and administratours of them and euery of them, from time to time shal make a trewe declaracion and accompt to the Justices of peace, of the shire, ridding, citie or towne corporate, wherin thei shall be appoynted collectours or Surueyours, or to foure of the same Justices, wherof one to be of the Quorum, of the receptes, paimentes and expences of the saied summes of money: And if they or any of them refuse that to do, that then the same Justices of peace, or .iiii. of them, from tyme to time by their discrecions, shall haue power and auctorite to make processe agayne the saied collectours and surueyours and euery of them, their executours & administratours and the executours and administratours of euery of them, by attachementes vnder theyr seales retournable at the generall sessions of peace: And if they appere, than to compell them to accompte as is afore saied, or elles if they or any of them, refuse that to doo, than to committe suche of them as shall refuse, towarde, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprise til the saied declaracion and accompte be truly made. And where any bridge or bridges lien in one shire or ryddynge, and suche persons inhabitauntes bodies politike, landes or tenementes,

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whiche owen to be charged to the makyng and amendyng of suche bridges, lien and abiden in an other shire or riddynge, or where suche bridges been within any citie or towne corporate, and the persons inhabitauntes bodies politike, landes or tenemētes, that owen to make or repayre any such bridges, lien and ben out of the saied cities & townes corporate: Be it enacted that in euery suche case, the Justices of peace of the shyre citie or towne corporate, within the whiche such decaied bridges or any parte therof, shall happen to be, shall haue power to enquire here and determine all suche anoysances, beyng within the limittes of their commissions or auctorities. And if the anoysaunce be presented, than to make processe into euery shire within this realme, against suche as owen to make or amende any suche bridges so presented before them, to be decaied to the anoysaunce and let of the passage of the kinges subiectes, and to do further in euery behalfe in euery such case, as they mought do by auctorite of this act, in case that the persons or bodies politike, landes or tenementes, whiche owen to be charged to the amendyng or makyng of suche bridges, or any part therof, were in the same shyre, riddyng, citie or towne corporate, where suche anoysance shall happen to be. And that all shiriffes and bayliffes of liberties & fraunchises, shall trewly serue and execute suche proces, as shall come to their handes from the saide Justices of peace, afore whome any presentmente shalbe had for any suche anoysaunce accordynge to the tenour and effecte of the saied procesle to them directed, without fauour affection or corruption, vpon peine to make suche fine as shalbe set vpon them or any of them, by the discrecion of the saied Justices.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte nor any thynge therin conteined be not preiudiciall to the liberties of the fiue portes or membres of the same and for reformacion of anoysaunces of bridges within the saied portes and membres.

¶ Be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliamente, that the warden maires and bailiffes elected, and Jurates of the same portes and euery of them, haue power and auctorite to enquere here and determine all maner of commen anoysaunces of bridges within the same portes and membres, and to make such procesle paynes taracions, and all other thinges within the same portes and membres, as the Justices of peace may doo in other shyres or places out of the same portes, by vertue and auctho̅rite of this presente acte in euery behalfe.

¶ And be it farther enacted by the auctorite afore saide, that the Justices of peace or .iiii. of them shall haue full power and auctorite to allow suche reasonable costes and charges to the saied Surueiours and Collectours, as by their discrecion shalbe thought conuenient.

¶ For as muche that all be it bridges decaied were amended and repayred, accordyng to the tenour of this acte, yet neuer the lesse if spedie remedie for the amendement of the waies next adioynyng to euery of the endes

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of suche bryages shoulde not be had and made, the kynges subiectes should take litell or none avayle or commodite in many partes of this realme by the makyng of the bridges: In consideration whereof be it enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that suche parte and portion of the hygh wayes in euery parte of this realme, as well within franchyse as without, as lye nere adioynyng to any endes of any bridges within this realme, distaunte from any of the sayde endes, by the space of. CCC. foote, be made repayred and amended as often as nede shall require. And that the Justices of the peace in euery shyre of this realme, duryng their Cities or boroughe, or foure of them at the least whereof one to be of the Quorum, within the limittes of their commissions and auctorites, shall have power and auctorite to enquire here and determine in the kynges generall sessions of peace, all maner of annoysaunces of and in suche hygh wayes, lyeng and lyenge nere adioynyng to any endes of bridges within this realme, distante from any of the endes of suche bridges. CCC. foote, and to do in euery thinge and thynge concernynge the makynge repayringe and amendynge of suche hygh wayes and euery of them, in as large and ample maner as they mought and may do to and for the makyng repayringe and amendynge of bridges, by vertue and auctorite of this present acte.

An acte concernyng tanners and boutchers. Cap. vi.

[illegible] Be as much as diuers and many good townes and places within this realme londry persons occupyeng the craftes of boutchers, haue nowe of late for their singular priuate lucre and aduauntages lette vp tannynge houses, diuerse of the same crafte of tanners, and not beynge experte in the sayde craft, doo dayly make moche falle vntrue and disceyuable lether, tellynge the same for the greate deceyte of the kynges poore subiectes. And also by meane that they doo occupie as well the sayd craft of tanners as of boutchers, they do many tymes die stolen oxen kyne steres Calues and Sheepe, and the same doo kylle and selle in their boutchers shoppes conueyeng the hydes fannes and felles of suche stolen cattell vnto tanners tanne houses, causynge the same to bee tanned and transposed into tanned lether, by meane whereof not onely greatte nombre of honest persons within this realme dryuge toobed of suche Oxen kyne steres Calues and Sheepe so taken, can neuer come to the knowledge of the same, neither be of power to sue the horne felle or other marke, whereby diuers preuie felonies be dayly in many places of this realme, closely committed and done to the greate hurte of the kynges most louyng subiectes. And also by occasion of the premisses the true and lawfull mistical occupation of tannynge of lether is like

ſe like in briefe time vtterly to decaie throughe out this realme, if ſpedy remedie be not therin prouided. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge oure ſoueraygne lorde, the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliamente aſſembled, and by auctoritee of the ſame, that no perſone or perſones occuppyng the craſte or occupacion of a boucher within this realme, ſhall at no tyme after the feaſte of ſaynt Michaell tharcangell next commyng by him ſelfe nor by any other to his vſe, kepe any tanne houſe, or occuppy the craſte of a tanner and boucher within any place of this realme, vpon peyne of forfayture of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery day that he or any to his vſe, ſhal occupie any tanne houſe, or craſte of a tanner, after the ſayd feaſte, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this eſtatute, the one halfe of euery ſuche forfayture to be to the vſe of our ſoueraygne lorde the kyng, and the other halfe to the vſe of him that wyl ſue for the ſame to any of the kinges courtes be it by wrytte bylle plainte or informacion, wherin the defendante ſhal not be admitted to wage his lawe nor any protection or eſſoyne ſhal be to him allowed.

¶ An acte concernynge conueyinge and carienge of horſes and mares, out of this realme. Cap. vii.

WHere at a parliamente holden at Weſtmynſter in the. xi. yere of the reygne of the late famous prynce of memory kyng Henry the viii. it was auctoriſed eſtabliſhed and enacted, by auctoritee of the ſayde parlyament, that frō thenſeforth no maner perſon nor perſons ſhoulde cary or conuey any horſe out of this lande, without the kynges ſpeciall lycence, vppon peyne of forfayture of the ſame, or any mare aboue the value of vi. s. viii. d. without the kynges ſpeciall licence, vppon the ſayde peyne of forfayture of the ſame mare, the owner therof or his deputee receyuyng for the ſame mare. vi. s. viii. d. at the time of the ſeiſure vpō the ſayde forfaiture, or elles it not to be forfayte. And at the tyme of leafyre of the ſayde mare or mares, they ſhall be preyſed by the heed officers of the towne, where any ſuch mare is taken, & there openly to be ſolde to the beſte price, and the halfe deale of the ouer price of her, beynge aboue. vi. s. viii. d. to be to the kyng: and the other halfe to hym that ſo ſeyſeth, and the kinges parte therof to be deliuered to the cuſtomer of the ſaid porte. And where as it was further prouyded by the ſayde acte, that it ſhuld be lawful to euery perſon or perſons beyng Denizen, from thenſforthe to carie horſe beyonde the ſea, the kynges licence in that behalfe not optayned for their own vſes, not intendynge at the tyme of the ſhyppinge of the ſame, nor thanfully purpoſed to ſelle him, and that entent to be knowen by the othe of him that ſhuld do ſhyppe the ſame horſe taken before the cuſtomer or ſercher of the ſame porte, as by the ſayd acte made in the ſayd. xi. yer. amongs other euidently appereth. By the the making of which act great nombres of horſes

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and mares haue ben secretly and other wyse conueyed out of this realme, contrary to the fourme and effecte of the saide statute, wherby the horses of this realme apt and mete for the way & for other necessary vses, be at this time muche derer than like horses haue ben heretofore. And by reasonne of cariage of great multitude of the good mares of this realme into the parties of beyonde the see, the good brede of horses of this realme is greately decayed, whiche is an other cause of derthe and scarsitee of the sayd horses. And where also many oxen, steres, kyne, calues and sheepe, ben dayly conueyed and caried out of this realme into the parties beyonde the see, which causeth great scarsitee of vittayle, & maketh cattell and vittayle to be solde within this realme at much greatter prices, not onely to the great hurt of the kinges highnes in his prouisions, but also to the great hurt and impouerisshement of the kinges subiectes within this realme, wherfore it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that no maner of persone or persones from henseforth, shall carie or conuey any horse geldynge mare or colte out of this realme or wales or marches of the same, into any the partes of beyonde the sea: nor from henseforth cary or conueye any oxe, steres, bullockes, calues, kyne or shepe out of this realme or wales or the marches of the same, into any of the sayde parties beyonde the sea, without the kynges speciall lycence vnder his greate seale of England, vpon peyne of forfayture for euery polle so conueyed contrarie to this acte. xl. s. nor that any person or persons shall from henseforth brynge any suche horse, geldynges, mares, coltes, oxē, steres, bullockes, calues, kine, or shepe, to any hauen porte or creke within this realme or wales, or the marches therof, to be caried ouer the see out of this realme, without the kinges sayd speciall lycence, vppon peyne of forfayture of euery suche horse, mare, oxen, and other cattalles aforesayde, so broughte vnto any suche hauen porte or creke to be conueyed out of this realme into the parties of beyonde the sea, as is aforesayde.

¶ Prouided alwaies that it shall be lawful to euery the kinges subiectes, which for reasonable causes shall entende to passe and repasse into and out of this realme into any the parties of beyonde the sea to haue ease & carie with them out of this realme horses or geldinges for theyr onely occupacion commoditee and ease in suche their iourneyes, and not to the intent to selle the same in any the parties beyonde the sea: and that entent to be iudged by the othe of suche the sayde subiectes, that shall so doo shyppe suche horse or geldyng, which othe shalbe take before the customers or any their sufficient deputees or serchers of the same porte where it shal be shypped before the shippyng therof.

¶ Prouided also that this acte nor any thing therein conteyned be in any wyse hurtfull or preiudiciall to such personnes, as shal conuey oxen, shepe, or other cattell to the sayde towne of Caleys and marches of the same for the onely victaylynge of the sayde towne and marches, soo that alwayes

euery ſuche perſonne or perſonnes be bounde before the cuſtomers or their lawfull deputies of the porte hauen or creke, where ſuche cattell ſhall bee ſhypped by obligacion to the kynges vſe, in as greate ſomme as the value of the cattell ſo to be conueyed ouer, ſhall amounte vnto, accordynge to the diſcrecion of the ſame cuſtomer, that he ſhall not onely conuey the ſayde cattel to the ſayd towne or marches, there to be ſolde, or other wiſe there to be diſtributed and ſpente for the vittaylynge onely of the ſame, but alſo to bryng or ſende to the ſayde cuſtomer a ſufficient certificate, within foure monethes, nexte after the date of the ſayde obligation, the ſame certificate to be ſealed and ſubſcrybed with the handes of two of the kynges counſell of the ſayde towne or marches, and by the cuſtomer or his deputie of the ſayde towne, that the ſayde cattelles haue ben trewely brought without fraude, and deliuered to ſomme of the kynges officers or ſubiectes inhabited and abydynge in the ſayde towne of Caleys or marches, there to be ſpente for the onely vittaylynge afore ſayde. And after that ſuch cuſtomer hath receyued ſuche certificat made ſealed and ſubſcribed in due forme (as is afore ſayd) he to canſell the ſame obligation vppon peyne of forfayture of the ſomme of the ſayd obligation, and after to bryng or ſende the ſame obligation ſo cancelled, with the certificat thereunto annexed, or elles for lacke of ſuche due certificat ſo to be made, the ſayde cuſtomer to bryng or ſende the ſayd obligatiō vncancelled into the kynges eſchequer at the time of makynge of his or their accompte for the yere nexte after the time limited in the ſayde obligation, there to remayne vntil true knowledge be had, whether the ſaid cattell and euery parte therof haue benne duely brought without fraude to the ſayde towne or marches for vittaylinge of the ſame, as is afore ſayde, ſo as for lacke of ſuche certificat not made accordynge to the condicion of the ſayde obligacion, proceſſe may be made in the ſayde eſchequer for the recouery of the penaltee in the ſayd obligacion to the kings vſe, accordyng to reaſon. And if any cuſtomer ſercher or controller of any porte hauen or creke within this realme, ſuffre any ſuch cattals to be ſhipped in the ſame before ſuche obligation hadde, as is afore ſayde, or if any cuſtomer fayle in bryngynge or ſendynge into the kynges eſchequer at his or their accompte the ſayd obligation by him to be taken with the certificat, if any be to him brought in fourme as is aboue ſayd, that than euery ſuch cuſtomer ſercher and controller, ſuffryng any ſuche cattell to bee conueyed ouer the ſea contrary to this acte, ſhal loſe and forfayte lyke ſommes, as the partie ſo ſhippynge or conueyenge the ſame cattell ſhall do by vertue of this preſent acte: and for defaulte of certificat of any ſuche obligacion and certificat, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of this acte euery ſuche cuſtomer ſhall loſe and forfayte.x.li.

¶ And bee it further enacted, that it ſhall not be lawfull to any perſon to carie or conuey any ſuche cattell brought oute of this realme, to the ſayde towne of Caleys or marches oute of the ſayde towne and marches of the

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ſame; vppon peyne of forfayture for euery pollie ſo brought out of the ſayde towne and marches .xl.s. The one halfe of whiche forfaytures and penal-tees, except the ſommes of money conteyned in ſuche obligations, to be to the kynge our ſoueraigne lorde, and the other halfe to the partie that ſhall ſeiſe or ſue for the ſame by action bylle playnte or informacion in any of the kynges courtes: wherein the defendaunt ſhall not wage his lawe, nor any protection or eſſoyne ſhal be allowed. And if any pleas be pleded in any ſuch action or ſuite: not triable in the realme, nor within any ſuche place: where the kynges writte doth rume: than by auctoritee of this acte euery ſuche plee, if any iſſue be taken of the ſame, ſhalbe tryed by the verdite of .xii. men in the ſhyre or place, where any ſuche action or ſute ſhal be commenſed, any thynge to the contrary hereof not withſtandyng.

¶ Prouided that it may be lawfull to the kynges counſellars of the ſayd towne and marches of Caleys, to conuey oute of this realme to the ſame towne and marches ſuche horſes, geldynges, and mares for theyr owne vſes, as they ſhall thynke expediente, not entendynge at the ſhyppynge of them to put them afterwarde to ſale, whereby thei ſhould be conueyed out of the kinges ſayde towne and marches: and that entente to be iudged by the othe of thaym, that ſhall ſhyppe ſuche horſes geldynges and mares to be take before the cuſtomer or ſercher, or any their deputies of the ſame porte hauen or creke, where it ſhall be ſhypped. And that other horſemenne of the ſayde towne and marches, that is to ſaye, men of armes, ſpeares on horſe-backe, archers on horſebacke, and ſtouters, may carie and conuey out of this realme ſuche horſes and geldynges, as any of thaym commynge into this realme ſhall haue brought with them, or leauyng ſuche horſes or gel-dynges as they ſhall bryng into this realme, or commynge hyther within this realme, without any horſe or geldynge, may lyberally carie and take with them to the ſayd towne of Caleys and marches other horſes and gel-dinges of the breedyng of this realme for theyr owne vſes, within and with-out the ſame towne and marches, this acte or any thing therein conteined to the contrary not withſtandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies that this acte nor any thyng therin mencioned, be in any wiſe hurtfull or preiudiciall to the maiſter of the kynges horſes nowe and hereafter to be, for ſuche thinges and commodities as shal and do con-cerne his office, any thinge in this acte to the contrary not withſtandyng.

¶ Prouided alſo, that the wardeyne of the fyue portes nowe beynge, or hereafter to be, maie yerely at his pleaſure gyue .vi. horſes or geldynges, and no more within one yere, at one or diuers tymes, vppon lyke peyne as is afore ſayde, to any perſonne or perſonnes into the parties beyonde the ſeas, beyng in amitee with the kynges highnes or his ſucceſſours, this act or any thyng therin not withſtanding. This acte to continue vnto the laſt date of the nexte parliament.

¶ Prouided alwaie that it ſhalbe leful to any the kinges ſubiectes to carry

or sende to any parties of beyonde the sea any mares, whereof the pryce of any one mare so to be caried dothe not excede. vi.s. viii.d. in lyke maner as they myghte do before the makynge of this acte, any thinge in this acte to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶ An acte concernyng Denisens to pay straungers customes tolles and other dueties. Cap. viii.

PRayen the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, that where in a parliamente holden at westm the. viii. day of Nouembre in the firste yere of the reygne of our late soueraigne lord of famous memory king Henry the seuenth, whose soule God pardon, it was ordeined establysshed and enacted by auctorite of the said parliamēt that euery person made, or after the makynge of the sayd acte, to be made Denisen, should pay of his marchaundises lyke custome and subsidie as he ought or should paie afore that he were made Denisen, any letters patentes, or other ordynaunces by parliamente, or otherwise, to the contrarie not withstandyng, whiche estatute and ordinaunce was onely made for custome & subsidie to be paide to the saide late kinge, and to our nowe soueraygne lord. Sythen whiche tyme diuers graumtes haue ben made to diuerse, as wel marchant straūgers as other aliens borne out of this realme to be Denisens, wherby they haue and enioye suche freedomes and libertees as doth Denysens borne within this realme beyng our sayde soueraigne lord the kynges naturall borne subiectes, whereof there is no small nombre, and euery day encrease more and more, by the whiche the sayde Alyens to their lucre and auayle ben encreased to great and notable substaunce & ryches, and the naturall subiectes of our sayd soueraygne lord and his realme greatly empouerished: And after they be enriched, for the most parte conuey themselfes with their sayde goodes to their owne contrey, wherein they be naturally borne, to the great detrument of the common weale of this realme of Englande and subiectes of the same. It may therefore please your highnesse of your moste good and louyng disposition, that ye beare and owe to the common welthe of this your realme by the aduise of your lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, to ordeyne, enacte, and establysshe, that euery person or persones, what so euer they be, borne out of this realme of England out of the kinges obeysaunce, made or hereafter to be made Denyson, do paie your grace and to your heyres, and to all & euery other person or persons, of what estate degree or condicion he or they be, and to al and singular officers and ministers of cytees boroughes and townes within this realme of Englande, and to euery of them, all suche subsidies customes tolles duties and other sommes of money for their wares marchādises and other what so euer

so euer goodes by what so euer name or names the saide subsides, customes, tolles, dueties and other sommes of money or any of thē be named or called, as they should or ought to haue paide before they were Denisons, any graunte or grauntes to them made or hereafter to be made, or any act or actes estatute or ordinaunce to the contrarie made or had notwithstandynge.

¶ Prouided alway that all and singular officers and ministers of euery citie, borough, or towne, wherin any suche custome, tolles, dueties or sommes of money shalbe demaunded, as is aboue saied, on this side the feast of Penthecoste nexte commyng, shall set vp or cause to be set vp in open place and places of euery suche citie, borough or towne, a table or tables, by whiche the certaintee and very duetie of euery suche custome, tolle, and dutie or somme of money of suche wares and marchaundise to be demaunded or required, as is aboue rehersed, shall and may plainely appere and be declared, to the entent that nothynge be exacted otherwise than in olde time hath ben vsed and accustomed, vppon peine of euery citie not doynge the same to lose .x.li. and euery towne or porte to lose .xl.s. for euery monethe that the same table shall fayle to be sette vp after the same feast, the moytee of whiche forfaiture to be to the kyng our soueraigne lorde, and the other moytee to the partie that will sue for the same by writte, bille, playnte or informacion in whiche action the defendant shall haue no essoyne wager of lawe ne protection allowed.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesayd, that this acte ne any other acte or actes made or to be made in this presente parliament, concernyng the premisses be not in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull vnto the marchauntes of the house of Almaygne, nor to any of them, hauyng the house within the citie of London commonly called Gylde halle, Theutonicorum, otherwise called the marchaintes of Stillyard in London, nor to their goods or marchaundises, by what soeuer name or names they or any of them be called, but that they and euery of them shal haue and enioy all suche liberties, fraunches, customes and priueleges as they had the firste day of this present parliament, any thynge, or thynges specified in this acte, or in any other acte or actes made or to be made in this present parliament not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alway that the tables so be sette vp in the citiee of London, touchyng scauage within the same, shall firste be viewed, examined, & approued by the Chauncellour and Treasourer of Englande, the presidente of the kynges counsayle, the lorde prime seale, the lorde stewarde of the kynges moste honorable householde, and the two chiefe Justices of the kynges benche and common place for the time beyng, or by .iii. of them at the least, and by them subscribed.

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¶ An acte agaynst Poysonyng. Cap. ix.

The kynges royall maiestie callyng to his, moste blessed remembraunce, that the makynge of good and holsome lawes and due execution of the same against the offendours therof, is the onely cause, that good obedience and order hath been preserued in this realme: And his highnesse hauynge moste tender zele to the same, amonge other thinges consideryng that mans life aboue all thynges is chiefely to be fauoured, and voluntarie murders moste highely to be detested and abhorred, and specially of all kindes of murders poysonyng, whiche in this realme hitherto, our lorde be thanked, hath been moste rare and seldome committed or practised: and now in the time of this presente parliamente, that is to say, in the .xviii. day of Februarie, in the .xxii. yere of his moste victorious reygne, one Richarde Roose, late of Rochester in the countie of Kente cooke, otherwyse called Richarde cooke, of his moste wicked and dampnable disposicion, did caste a certaine venim or poyson into a vessell replenisshed with yeste or barme, standynge in the kechinne of the reuerende Father in God, John Bishop of Rouchester at his place in Wamhyth marshe: with which yeste or barme, and other thinges conueniente, porrage or grewell was forthwith made for his familie there beinge, wherby not onely the nombre of .xvii. persons of his sayde family, whiche did eate of that porrage, were mortally infected and poysonned, and one of them, that is to say, Benette Curwen gentill man thereof is deceased, but also certayne poore people whiche resorted to the saied bishoppes place, and were there charitably fedde with the remaine of the saide porrage and other vittayles, were in like wise infected, and one poore wollian of them, that is to saye, Alice Tripitte widowe is also thereof nowe decessed: Our sayde soueraygne lorde the kynge, of his blessed disposition inwardely abhorrynge all suche abhominable offences, because that in maner no person can liue in suertie out of daunger of death by that meane, if practise therof shoulde not be eschewed, hath ordeined and enacted by aucthoritee of this present parliamente, that the sayde poysonnynge be adiudged and demed as highe treason. And that the saide Richarde Roose for the saied murder and poysonnynge of the saied twoo personnes, as is aforesaied, by auctoritie of this presente parliamente shall stande and be atteinted of highe treason. And bycause that detestable offence nowe newly practised and committed, requireth condigne punishemente for the same, it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliamente, that the sayde Richarde Roose shall be therfore boyled to death, without hauyng any aduauntage of his clergie. And that from hensefoorth euery wilfull murder of any personne or personnes, by any what so euer personne or persons hereafter to be committed and done, by meane or way of poysonnynge, shall be reputed deemed

med and iudged in the law to be high treaſon. And that all and euery perſon or perſons, whiche hereafter ſhall be lawfully indited or appealed, and attaynted or condempned by order of the law of ſuche treaſon for any maner poyſonyng of any perſon, ſhall not be admitted to the benefite of his or their clergie: but ſhall be immediately after ſuche attaynder or condempnacion committed to execucion of death by boylynge for the ſame. And that the Juſtice of peace, in euery ſhire, citie, or towne corporate within this realme, where Juſtices of peace been, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie in their ſeſſions to enquire from time to time, as wel of ſuche traitours, murderers and murders, as of the counterfaitynge of coyne of any outwarde realme, ſuffred to runne and go within this realme by the kynges aſſente, and to make proceſſe therupon by Capias onely. And that the Juſtices of Aſſiſe, in euery ſhires of Englande, ſhall haue full power and auctoritee to here and determine in their ſeſſions, as well ſuch treaſons committed and done by way of poyſonnynge, as the counterfaytynge of any ſuche coyne ſuffered to ronne within this realme, by the kynges aſſente, as is afore ſayde.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the auctoritee of this preſente parliament, that all landes and tenementes and other hereditamētes of any perſon and perſons, whiche hereafter ſhalbe condempned or atteinted of any treaſon for poyſonyng, as is aforeſaied, ſhall eſcheete remaine and be to the lordes of the fees, as by the lawes of this realme, landes, tenementes of felons or murderers atteinted, haue heretofore exheted, this preſente act of treaſon or any therin conteined notwithſtandynge.

¶ In acte concernyng outlandiſhe people callyng them ſelues Egiptians. Cap. x.

For as muche as before this time diuers and many outlandiſhe people callynge them ſelues Egiptians vſynge no craft nor feate of marchandiſe, haue comyen into this realme and gone from ſhire to ſhyre, and place to place in greate company, and vſed greate ſubtill and craftie meanes to deceiue the people, bearynge them in hande, that they by Palmeſtrie coulde telle mennes and womens fortunes, and ſo many times by craft and ſubtiltee haue deceyued the people of their money: And alſo hath committed many and haynous felonies and robberies, to the greate hurte and decepte of the people that they haue commyn amonge.

¶ Be it therfore by the kynge our ſouereigne lorde, the lordes ſpirituall and temporal, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame ordeined eſtabliſhed and enacted, that from henſeforth no ſuche perſons be ſuffred to come within this the kynges

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realme. And if they do, than they and euery of them so doynge shall forfaite to the kyng our soueraigne lorde all their goodes and cattalles, and than to be commaunded to auoyde the realme within .xv. daies nexte after the commaundement, vpon payne of imprisonment. And it shalbe lawfull to euery Shiriffe, Justice of peace and Eschetour, to seise to the vse of our soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours, al suche goodes, as they or any of them shall haue: And therof to make accompte to our sayde soueraigne lorde in his Eschequer. And if it shall happen any suche stranger hereafter to commit within this realme any murder, robbery or any other felonie, and therof be indicted and arrained, and to pleade not giltie, or any other plee triable by the countrey: that then the enquest that shall passe betweene the kynge and any suche partie, shall be all together of englishmen, all be it that the partie so indicted pray medietatem linguæ, according to the statute of Anno. viii. Henrici. vi. or of any other statute therof made.

¶ Prouided alway, that the Egyptians now beynge in this realme, haue monition to departe within .xvi. daies after proclamation of this estatute amonge them shall be made, vpon peine of imprisonment and forfaiture of theyr goodes and cattelles. And if they than so departe, that than they shall not forfaite their goodes nor any parte therof, this presente estatute not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alway that euery suche person or persons, whiche can proue by twoo credible persons before the same partie that seyseth suche money, goodes, or cattelles of the same Egyptians, that any parte of the same goodes, money or cattalles, were craftely or felonously taken or stolen from him, shall be incontinente restored vnto the same gooddes, money, or cattels, wherof he maketh such proufe before the same partie, that so seiseth the same money, gooddes, or cattelles, vpon peine to forfaite to the same partie that maketh suche proufe, the double value of the same by action of Dette, bill, or other wise in any of the kynges courtes to be sued: vppon whiche action and sute he shall not be admitted to wage his law, nor any protection or alloyne to be allowed, any thynge in this act to the contrarie notwithstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwayes, and be it farther enacted, that if any Justice of peace Sheriffe or Eschetour, whith by auctorite of this acte haue power to take or sease any goodes or cattelles of any Egyptians at any time hereafter do sease or take the goodes or cattels of any suche Egyptians: that then euerie suche Justice, Sheriffe or Eschetour doyng the same, shall haue keepe and reteine to his owne vse the moytee of all suche goodes so by him seased and of the other moytee so by him taken or seased shall make answere and accompte to the kyng in his Eschequer, according to the tenour of this present acte any thynge in the same acte conteyned to the contrary hereof notwithstandynge. And that vpon any accompte hereafter to be made for the sayde other moytee of the same goodes, the accomptante shall pay no

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maner of fees or other charges for his accompte or discharge to be had in the kinges eschequer, nor els where.

¶ An acte concernyng Yowdike in Marshelande. cap. xi.

WHeretofore this time diuers euill disposed persons of their peruersed and euill disposicion, maliciously at diuers and sondry times, haue cutte cast downe and broken vp diuers parties of the dike called the newe Yowdike in Marishelande, in the crountrey of Norfolke. And the broken dike otherwise called Oldefelde dike by Marsheland in the Ile of Ely, in the countie of Cambridge: by reason wherof as well by the great aboundaunce of the salte water, as also by the course of the fresh water, entryng and commynge into and by the saied parties of the saied diches so broken and caste downe, the grounde and pastures within the countrey of Marshelande in the counties aforesaide, hath ben diuers and many times drowned and forrounded with the waters aforesaied, so that no profit ther of might be taken by the owners and occupiers of the sayde grounde and pastures within Marshelande aforesayde. For the drowninge wherof the saide owners and occupiers of the saied grounde, and the inhabitauntes within the saied Marshelande and the leuell of the same, at many and sondrie times haue been not onely put to importunate charges and expences to their extreme damages and costes, but also to their greate vndoynge, haue loste muche of their cattell and beastes than beynge and pasturynge vpon and within Marshelande aforesaid, to their greate damage and losse and to the greate decay of the common weale of the countreys adioynynge to the same. And also by reason of the same waters moche people haue ben drowned in their beddes within their houses, and haue lost the most parte of their goodes beyng within the same.

¶ For the reformacion wherof be it ordeyned enacted and established by the kyng our souereigne lorde, by the assente of the lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by the authoritie of the same, that euery suche peruerse and malicious cuttynge downe and breakynge vp of any parte or parties of the sayd dykes, or of any other banke, beyng parcell of the ryude and vttermoste parte of the said countrey of Marshelande aforesaide, made for the defence and saluacion of the same countrey of Marshelande, at euery time and times from henceforth by any person or persons committed and done, other wise than in worke kynge vpon the sayde bankes or dikes for the repayringe fortifienge and mendynge of the same: be taken, reputed, and adiudged felony. And that the offendours and doers of the same and euery of them be adiudged and reputed felons. And that the Justices of the peace of the saied counties of Norfolke and Cambrige, within the saide Ile, at euery of their sessions

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with the same Ile and counties to be kepte, by the auctoritee aforesayde, haue full power to cause enquirie to be made of euery such offence so at any time infourme aforesaide, hereafter to be committed and done & to awarde like processe against euery of the saied offendours, with like iudgemente and execucion of the same (if they or any of them be therof founde giltee by verdite or otherwise) as the saied Justice hath vsed and accustomed to doo vpon other felonies beyng felony at the common law.

¶ An acte concernyng howe aged, poore, and impotent persons compelled to liue by almes, shall be ordered; and how vacaboundes and mightie stronge beggers shalbe punished. cap. xii.

Here in all places through out this realme of England, vacaboundes and beggers haue of longe time increased and daily do increase in great and excessiue nombres by the occasion of idelnesse, mother and roote of all vices, wherby hath insurged and sprōge, and dayly insurgeth and springeth continuall theftes, murders, and other sondrie heinous offences and greate enormities, to the high displeasure of god, the inquietacion and damage of the kinges people, and to meruailous disturbaunce of the common weale of this realme: and where as many and sondrie good lawes streite statutes and ordinaunces haue ben before this time deuised and made, as wel by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, as also by diuers his moste noble progenitours kinges of Englande for the moste necessarie and due reformacion of the premisses: Yet that not withstandynge the saied nombres of vacaboundes and beggers be not seene in any partie to be minished, but rather daily augmented and increased into greate routes and companies, as euidently and manifestly it doth and may appere. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, and by the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that the Justices of the peace of all and singular the shires of Englande within the limittes of their commissions, and all other Justices of peace Mayres Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers of all and euery citie, boroughe, riddynges or franches within the realme of Englande, within the limittes of their auctoritie, shall from time to time as often as neede shall require by their discrecions, deuide them selfe within the sayd shires, cities, boroughes, riddynges or fraunchefes, wherof they be Justices of peace, Mayres, Sheriffes, Bailiffes, or officers, & so beyng deuided shall make diligent serche and inquirie of all aged, poore, and impotente personnes, whiche liue or of necessitie be compelled to liue by almes of the charitee of the people, that be or shall be hereafter abidinge within euery hundred, rape, wapentake, citie, boroughe, parisshe, libertee or fraunches within the limit-

limittes of their diuision, and after and vpon suche serche made, the sayde Justices of peace Mayres sheriffes bailliffes and other officers, that is to say, euery of them within their limittes of their auctorities, whereunto they be deuided, shal haue power and auctoritee by their discretiõs to enable to begge within such hundrede rape wapentake citee towne parishe or other limittes, as they shal appoynt, suche of the saide impotent persones, which they shall finde and thinke moste conuenient within the limittes of their diuision, to lyue of the charitee and almes of the people, and to giue in commaundement to euery suche aged and impotent begger (by them enabled) that none of them shal begge without the limittes to them so appoynted, and shall also regester & wryte the names of euery suche impotent begger, by them appoynted, in a byll or rolle indented, the one parte thereof to remayne with them self, and the other parte by them to be certified before the Justices of peace at the nexte sessions after suche serche hadde, to be holden within the sayde shires, cities, townes, or francheses, there to remaine vnder the kepyng of Custos Rotulorum. And that the sayd Justices of peace Mayres Sheriffes baylyffes and other officers, that is to say, as they be deuided, shall haue power and auctoritee to make such and so many seales to be engraued with the names of the hundredes rapes wapentakes cities boroughes townes or places, within the whiche they shal appointe and limitte euery suche impotent person to begge, and committe the sayd seales to the custody of suche of them, or to the custody of suche other, as they shall thynke conuenient, and shall make and deliuer to euery suche impotente person, by them enabled to begge, a letter conteynyng the name of such impotente personne, and witnessing that he is auctorised to begge, and the limittes, within which he is appoynted to begge. The same letter to be seled with suche of the sayde seales, as shall be engraued with the names of the limitte, wherein such impotent person shalbe appointed to begge in, and to be subscribed with the name of one of the sayde Justices or officers aboue sayd. And if any suche impotent person so auctorised to begge, do begge in any other place thã within such limittes, that he shalbe assigned vnto, that then the Justices of peace Mayres, Sheriffes, bayliffes, collables and al other the kynges officers and ministers, shall by their discrecions punishe all such persones by imprysonement in the stockes by the space of. iii. daies and .ii. nightes, giuynge them but onely breade and water, and after that cause euery such impotent person to be sworne to returne againe without delay to the hundrede rape wapentake citie borough towne parish or franches, where they be auctorised to begge in.

¶ And it is enacted, that no suche impotent person, as is aboue sayd, after the feaste of the natiuitie of saynt John Baptiste nexte commynge, shall begge within any parte of this realme, except he be auctorised by writyng vnder seale, as is aboue sayd. And if any suche impotent persone after the sayde feaste of saint John, be vagarant and go abeggyng, hauyng no suche

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letter vnder seale, as is aboue specified: that then the Constables and all other inhabitantes, within suche towne or parysshe, where suche personne shall begge, shall cause euery suche begger to be taken and brought to the nexte Justice of peace, or hyghe constable of the hundrede: And there vpon the sayde Justice of peace, or highe constable, shall commaunde the sayde constables and other inhabitauntes of the towne or parishe, whiche shall bryng before hym any suche begger, that they shal stripe hym naked from the middel vpwarde, and cause him to be whipped within the toune where he was taken, or within some other towne, where the same Justice or high constable shal appoynt: if it shal seme to the discretion of the sayd Justice of peace or highe constable, that it be conuenient so to punishe suche begger to him broughte: And if not, than to commaunde suche begger to be set in the stockes in the same towne or parishe, where he was taken, by the space of thre dayes and thre nightes, there to haue onely bread and water, & there vppon the sayde Justice or hyghe constable, afore whom such begger shall be brought, shall limitte to him a place to begge in, and giue to him a letter vnder seale in forme aboue remembred, and swere hym to departe & repayre thyther immediately after his punishment to him executed.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person or personnes beynge hole and mighty in body, and able to labour, at any tyme after the sayde feaste of saynt John be taken in beggyng in any parte of this realme; or if any man or woman beynge hole and mighty in bodie, and able to labour, hauinge no layde, mayster, nor vsyng any lawful marchaundise craft or mystery whereby he mighte gette his liuyng, after the same feaste be vagrant, and can gyue no reckenynge howe he doth lawfully get his liuynge: that then it shal be lesul to the constables and al other the kynges officers ministers and subiectes of euery towne parysh and hamlette to aresl the sayde vacaboundes and idell persons, and theym bryng to any of the Justices of peace of the same shyre or libertie, or elles to the hyghe constable of the hundrede rape or wapentake, within whiche suche personnes shall be taken. And if he be taken within any citie or towne corporate: thaune to be brought before the Mayre, Sheriffes, or baylyffes of euery suche towne corporate. And that euery suche Justice of peace hyghe Constable, Mayres, Sheryffes and baylyffes by theyr discretions, shall cause euery suche ydell persone so to hym broughte to be hadde to the nexte market towne or other place, where the sayde Justices of peace highe constable, Mayres, baylyffes and other officers, shall thinke most conuenient by his or their discretions, and there to be tied to the ende of a carte naked and be beten with whippes throughout the same market towne or other place till his body be blody by reason of suche whyppynge. And after such punyshment and whyppynge hadde, the persone so punyshed by the discretion of the Justice of peace, hyghe Constable, Mayre, Sheryffes, Baylyffes and other officers, afore whome suche persone shall be broughte,

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shall bee enioyned vpon his othe, to retourne forthewith without delaie in the nexte and streighte waie to the place where he was borne, or where he laste dwelled before the same punisshement by the space of three yeres, and there to putte hym selfe to labour lyke as a trewe man oweth to do. And after that done, euerie suche personne so punisshed and ordered shall haue a letter sealed with the seale of the hundrede rape wapētake, citee, boroughe, towne, libertee or fraunchise, wherein he shall be punyshed, witnessynge that he hath bene punysshed accordynge to this estatute, and conteynynge the daie and place of his punisshement, and the place whereunto he is limitted to go: and by what time he is limitted to come thyther, with in whiche tyme he may lawfully begge by the way: shewyng the same letter, and other wyse not. And if he do not accomplishe the order to hym appoynted by the sayde letter, than to be eftsones taken and whipped, and so as often as any defaute shall be founde in him contrary to the order of this estatute, in euery place to be taken and whypped, tyll he be repayred where he was borne, or where he last dwelled by the space of thre yeres, and there put his body to labour for his lyuyng, or otherwise truely gette his liuing without beggynge, as longe as he is able so to doo. And if the persone so whypped be an ydell person and no common begger, than after such whippynge he shall be kepte in the stockes tyll he hath founde suretie to goe to seruice, or els to labour, after the discretion of the sayde Justyce of peace Mayres, Sheryffes, baylyffes, high constables, or other such officers, afore whome any suche ydell persone, beynge no common begger, shall bee brought, if by the discreciō of the same Justice of peace Maire sheriffe bayly hygh constable or other suche hede officer it bee so thought conuenient, and that the partie so punisshed be able to fynde suretie, or els to be ordered and sworne to repayre to the place where he was borne, or where he laste dwelled by the space or three yeres, and to haue like letter and such further punysshmente, if he eftesones offende this estatute, as is aboue appoynted to and for the common stronge and able beggers, and so from tyme to time to be ordered and punished til he put his body to labour, or otherwise gette his lyuynge truely accordynge to the lawe. And that the Justices of the peace of euery shyre ryddynge cytie towne and lybertie shall haue power and aucthoritee within the limittes of theyr commissions, to enquyre of al Mayres, baylyffes, constables and other officers and persons that shalbe neglygent in executyng of this acte.

¶ And if the constables and inhabitauntes within any towne or parysshe where any suche impotent person or stronge begger doth happen to begge contrarie to the fourme of this estatute, be negligent, and take not euery suche impotent and stronge begger, that so shall begge agayne the fourme of this estatute, and order and punysshe euery suche begger, as is aboue limytted: that than the towneshyp or parysshe, where suche defaute shall be, shall lose and forfaite for euery such impotent begger, that shall be suffered

to begge within the sayd towneshyp or paryshe, not beynge taken ordered and punished, accordinge to the fourme of this estatute. iii. s. iiii. d. and for euery stronge begger, that shall happen to begge within any suche towneshyppe or paryshe, not beynge taken and ordred as is aboue limitted by this estatute. vi. s. viii. d. The one halfe of all whiche forfaitures to be to the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe to hym that will sue for the same by any byll of informacion afore the kynges Justices of his peace in their generall sessyons, to be holden in the shyre or within any libertee, where such defaute shall happen.

¶ And that all Justices of peace within any shyre citie borough or libertie, shall haue full power and auctorytee, as well to here and determyne euery suche defaute by presentment as by suche byll of informacion, and vpon euery presentment afore them, and vpon euery suche byll of informacion to make procesle by distresse agayne the inhabitauntes of euery suche towne and paryshe, where any defaute shall be presented or supposed by any suche informacion. By auctorytee of whiche distresse the sheryffe or other officer, to whome by the lawe suche dystresse shall be made, shall distreyne the goodes and catteles of suche one or two of the sayde inhabytauntes, as he may haue knowledge were most negligent and in defaute in the execucion of this acte, and the sayd distrelle retayne till they finde suretie to appere at the sessions lymitted in the sayde distresse. And in case they appere and confesse the defaute, or elles if they trauerse the presentmente, and it be tried agayne them by verdite, or deny the informacion, and it be proued agayne them by sufficient witnesse: than the sayd Justices of peace in their sessions shall haue auctorytee to assesse the fynes as benne aboue limitted after the rates aboue sayde, and to make procesle for the leuyenge of the same by distresse of the inhabytauntes of suche townes or paryshes, where suche defaute shall be tried or proued. And that euery suche fyne, if it growe by presentment, to be onely to the kynges vse. And if it growe by informacion: than the moytee thereof to be to him that pursueth the informacion for the same, and the other moitee thereof to the kynges vse, as is afore sayde. And if any suche person or persons distreined appere not at the day and place conteyned in suche distresse, then vpon the returne of the shirisse or other officer, to who the distresse was deliuered to execute that sued persone or persons were distreyned: then euery suche person or persones so distreyned at the first distresse shall lose. xl. d. and at the seconde. vi. s. viii. d. and so to be doubled vpon euery distresse in suche cases to be awarded, tyll apparaunce may be had by one of the inhabitauntes of suche towne or parishe to denie trauerse or confesse the presentment or informacion exhibited agayne any suche towne or parishe: to the entent that vpon tryall or proffe therof the fynes aboue limitted may be assessed and leuied of the inhabytauntes of euery such towne or parishe as is aboue reherced.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctorytee afore sayde, that scholers of the vniuersities

uersitiers of Oxforde and Cambrydge, that go about beggynge, not beyng authoryſed vnder the ſeale of the ſayde vniuerſitees by the commiſſarie Chauncellour or vycchancellour of the ſame, and all and ſinguler ſhipmen, pretendynge loſſes of theyr ſhyppes and goodes of the ſea, goynge aboute the countreie beggynge withoute ſufficiente auctoritie, witneſſynge the ſame: ſhall be puniſſhed and ordered in maner and fourme as is aboue reherſed of ſtronge beggers. And that all proctours and pardoners goynge aboute in any countrey or countreys, without ſufficient auctoritee, and all other ydell perſonnes goynge about in any countrey, or abydynge in any citie borroughe or towne, ſome of theym vſynge dyuers and ſubtill craftie and vnlawefull games and playes, and ſome of them fenynge them ſelfes to haue knowledge in phiſike, phiſnamie, palmeſtrie or other craftie ſciences, whereby they beare the people in hande, that they can tell theyr deſtenies decreſſes and fortunes, and ſuche other lyke phantaſticall imaginacions, to the greate diſceyte of the kynges ſubiectes, ſhall vpon examinacion hadde before two Juſtices of peace, whereof the one ſhall be of the Quorum, yf he by prouable witneſſe be founde gyltie of any ſuche deceytes, bee puniſſhed by whyppyng at two dayes together after the maner before reherſed. And if he eftſones offende in the ſayde offence or any lyke offence: then to be ſcourged. ii. dayes, and the thyrde day to be putte vpon the pyllorie from. ix. of the clocke till a. xi. before noone of the ſame daye, and to haue one of his eares cutte of: And yf he offende the thyrde tyme: to haue lyke punyſhement with whipppynge, ſtandyng on the pyllorie, and to haue his other eare cutte of. And that Juſtices of the peace haue lyke auctoritie in euery libertie and franchiſe within their shyres, where they be Juſtices of peace, for the execucion of this acte in euery parte thereof, as they ſhall haue without the libertie or fraunchiſe.

¶ And it is further enacted, that this acte ſhall yerely be redde in the open ſeſſions, to thentent that the ſayde eſtatute ſhall be the more feared and the better put in execucion.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted, that if any perſonne or perſonnes at any tyme hereafter geue any herborowe money or lodgeynge to any beggers, beynge ſtronge and able in theyr bodies to woorke, whiche order theym ſelfes contrary to the fourme of this eſtatute: that euery ſuche perſonne ſo doynge, beynge ſufficiently proued or preſented afore any Juſtice of peace, ſhall make ſuche fyne to the kynge, as by the diſcrecion of the ſayde Juſtices of peace at theyr generall ſeſſions ſhall be aſſeſſed. And if any perſon or perſones do diſturbe or lette the execucion of this acte in any maner wyſe, or make reſcous agayne any Mayre, ſheriffe, baylyffe, or other perſon that ſhal endeuour him ſelfe for the due execucion therof: it is than enacted, that euery ſuche perſon and perſons, for euery ſuch offence doynge, ſhal loſe and forfait. C.s. and ouer that to haue impriſonmēt at the kynges will. The one halfe of whiche forfaiture if ſuch offence be committed in any citie or towne

corporate to be to the mayre, sherysse, bayliffe or other head officers of such citie or towne corporate, where any suche offence shall be done, to the vse of the communaltie of euery suche citie or towne corporate. And if it be committed out of a citie or towne corporate, than the sayde one halfe to be to the lorde of the lete or lawe daie, where suche offence shall be doone, and the other halfe of euery suche forfaiture to be to the kynge our soueraigne lorde. For the whiche forfayture of .v.li. recouery, shall be had by action of Dette bylle playnte or informacion in any of the kynges courtes: in which suites the defendauntes shal not wage their lawe, nor haue any essoyne or protection allowed.

¶ Prouyded alway that this acte nor any thynge therein conteyned, shall be hurtfull or prejudiciall to the barons or other inhabitantes of the fyue portes or their membres: neither to any graunt libertie or fraunchise heretofore made by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, or any his progenytours kynges of Englande, to the saide barons or other inhabitantes theyr auncestours predecessours or to any of theym. And that it be enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that all and euery Mayre and Maires, Bayly and Baylifes, electise and elected by the commons and inhabitantes of euery towne and place of the saide portes and membres, and also iurates of euery of the saide townes and places of the saide portes and membres shall haue lyke auctoritee within euery suche towne and place, where they or any of thē be or shal be mayre, Baylyffe or iurate, to put or cause to be put this acte in due execucion, as the Justices of peace in any countie of this realme, haue or shall haue auctoritee and power by this acte to doe, where they by Justices. And that the inhabytauntes within euery towne within the sayde portes, shall be bounden to the execucion of this acte, like as other inhabitauntes be without the sayde portes, vpon like peyne as is aboue remembred. And if any person or persons which shal inhabite within the sayde .v. portes or membres, be impotente or other ydell person, doo here after begge withoute the sayde fyue portes or membres of the same, contrary to this acte, that than euery suche person shall be ordered and punyshed accordynge to this acte, any thinge in this Prouiso to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted, that the seales aboue reherced, shall bee made at the costes and charges of the Justices of peace, Mayres, sheriffes, baliffes and other officers aboue written, on this syde the feast of the Natiuitie of sayncte John Baptist nexte commynge, that is to saie, that euery of them, shal do the sayde seales to be made within the limittes of their diuision iurisdiction and auctorities.

¶ And it is also ordeyned and enacted, that euery letter to be made by the auctoritee of this acte, wherby any impotent begger shalbe auctorised and assigned to begge, shalbe made in this fourme ensuynge.

¶ Kanc.ss. ¶ Memorandum that A.B. of Dale, for reasonable considera-

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cions is licenced to begge within the hundrede of .R. and .L. in the sayde countie. Giuen vnder the seale of that limitte, Talt die et Anno.

¶ And that euery suche letter that shalbe made and deliuered to suche begger or vacabounde, after he hath be whipped by auctoritie of this acte, shal be made in this wise folowyng.

¶ Kente. ss. ¶ I. S. whipped for a vagrante stronge begger at Dale in the saide countie, accordyng to the law, the .xvii. day of July, in the .xviii. yere of kyng Henry the .viii. was assigned to passe forth with and directly from thens to Sale in the countie of Wilds. where he saieth he was borne, or where he last dwelled by the time of .iii. yeres. And he is limitted to be ther within .xiiii. daies next ensuynge at his parell, or within suche nombre of daies, as to him shalbe limitted by the discrecion of the maker of the sayde letter. In witnesse wherof the seale of the limitte of the sayde place of his punishement here vnto is set.

¶ And it is enacted that euery suche letter shalbe made at the equall costes of suche the saied Justices, Mayres, Sheriffes, Bailiffes or other officers within whose iurisdiction powers and auctorities the sayd begger or vacabounde shalbe whipped or limitted to begge in, by auctoritie of this acte. And euery such letter shalbe subscribed with the hande of one of the sayd Justices, Mayres, Sheriffes, bailiffes, or other officers in this fourme folowyng: Per me .I.B. vnum Justiciariorum pacis, or maiorem ciuitatis, or balliuum ville, or constabularium talis hundredi, or els in like fourme in englishe.

¶ And it is further enacted, that euery suche person and persons as haue the custodie of any Gayles within any shire, citie, borough or towne corporate, on this side the feast of saint John the Baptist, shall do make a seale engraued with the name of the castell, prison or gayle, whiche he keepeth. And in case any person or persons, that at any time after the sayde feast of saynct John, shall be deliuered out of any Gayle or prison for suspecions of felony by proclamacion, or by acquitte of any felony, and hath no freends to pay his fees, nor was borne within the hundred or place where he shall happen to be so deliuered, nor can get him no maister, there to abide and worke with, shall haue libertie to begge for his fees, by the licence of his keeper, by the space of .vi. weekes next after suche deliueraunce, and after that to be compelled to go to the hundred, wher he was borne or last dwelled, by the space of three yeres, within suche time as shalbe limitted by one of the Justices of peace Mayres, sheriffes, bailiffes or any officers, where suche deliueraunce shalbe had.

¶ And it is enacted, that euery suche person so deliuered, shall haue a letter made to him by the clerke of the peace of the shyre, within the whiche he was deliuered, if he be deliuered in the shyre: and if he be deliuered in any citie, borough or towne corporate, than he to haue a letter of the common clerke of euery suche citie, borough or towne, where he is deliuered,

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euery ſuche letter witneſſynge the day of his deliueraunce, and the place where he was deliuered, and afore whom, and the time appointed to him to begge for his fees, and the place to the whiche he ſhall be aſſigned to repayre vnto, in caſe he can get no maiſter to call to worke where he was deliuered. And to euery ſuche letter the ſayd Gaylour or keper of priſon, out of the whiche ſuche perſon ſhall be deliuered: ſhall put the ſeale limitted to be made as is aforeſaide for the ſayde priſon. And that euery ſuche letter ſhall be made in this wiſe folowyng.

Eſſex. ſ. ¶ The .xx. day of July, Anno regni regis Henrici. viii. xxiii. I. S. was deliuered for felony out of the gayle of D. in the ſayde countie, at the ſeſſions holden afore A. B. and his felowes at Sale, the day and yere aforeſaide, and is allowed to begge for his fees by the ſpace of. iii. weekes. And in caſe he can get him no maiſter to worke within the ſaid terme, than he is aſſigned to paſſe directly to D. in the countie of Kente, where he ſaith he was borne, or laſte dwelled by the ſpace of three yeres. And he is allowed. xiiii. daies nexte after the ſayde. vi. weekes for his paſſage thither, or ſuche numbre of daies, as to him ſhall be limitted by the diſcretion of the maker of the ſayde letter. In witneſſe wherof the ſeale of the priſon, from the whiche he was deliuered, ther vnto is ſette. And in ſuche ſhyres, where there is no Gayle, the ſheriffe therof, for the time beynge, ſhall cauſe a ſeale to be engraued with the name of the ſhyre, and ſhall order and vſe the ſame ſeale to and for ſuche perſons deliuered as is aforeſayde, after like maner and fourme as the Gayler or keper of the gayle is limitted and appoynted to do by this acte.

¶ And it is alſo enacted, that euery clerke of the peace of the ſhire, within the whiche ſuche perſon ſhall be deliuered, and euery common clerke of euery citie, borough or towne corporate, within the whiche any ſuch perſon ſhall be deliuered, ſhall make for euery ſuche perſon as ſhalbe ſo deliuered, where they be ſuche officers, the ſaied letter informe abouesaied, without any fee taking for the ſame, and ſhall deliuer euery ſuche letter to the Gaylour or keper of the priſon, from the whiche ſuche perſon ſhall be deliuered. And if there be no Gayle there, then to the ſhyryffe of the ſhyre where ſuch deliueraunce ſhall be hadde, within one day nexte after the ende of the ſeſſions, where any ſuche deliueraunce is had, vppon peyne to loſe and forfaite for defaute of euery letter .xii. li. to the kynge our ſoueraigne lorde. And that the gaylour or keper of the priſon, from the which the ſaid perſon ſhal be ſo deliuered, and in caſe there be no Gayle, than the ſhiryffe of the ſhyre where any ſuche deliueraunce ſhalbe had, ſhall not ſuffre any ſuche perſon to go abrode to begge for his fees, nor departe out of priſon, except it be to ſeruice or labour, vnleſſe the ſame gaylour or ſheriffe firſt deliuer to the ſayde perſon the ſayd letter, contenyng his name ſealed with the ſeale of the priſon, from the whiche he ſhall be deliuered, or elles with the ſeale engraued with the name of the ſhire, if there be no priſon, vpon peyne for

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euery defaute to lose.xii.s. to our saide souerayngne lorde.

¶ And it is enacted, that if any person or persons so beynge deliuered oute of prison, at any time after the sayd feaste do begge, not hauynge the sayde letter sealed in fourme aboue saied, or begge contrary to the tenour of the same letter: that than he shall be taken ordered and whipped in euery behalfe, like as is aboue appointed for stronge beggers. And that to be done and executed by suche as be aboue limitted to do the same vpon stronge beggers and in suche wise and vpon suche peyne as is afore limitted for execucion of the punishment of stronge beggers.

¶ Prouided alway that it be lefull to euery person and persons beynge bounden by reason of any foundacion or ordinaunce to geue or distribute any money in almes, and also to euery person and persons at common doles vsed at burials or obites: to geue & dispose in almes any money to euery person and persons comyng to such almes or dooles, after like maner & forme as they haue be accustomed to do in that behalfe afore the making of this acte, without any daunger or penaltee of this estatute any thynge conteined in this present estatute to the contrary herof notwithstandyng.

¶ Prouided also that it be lefull to all maisters and gouernours of hospitals to lodge and herberough any person or persons of charitie or almes accordyng to the foundacion of such hospitals, and to geue money in almes in as large maner and fourme as they are bounden or owen to doo, any thynge in this estatute to the contrary herof not withstandyng. And this acte to endure vnto the last day of the next parliament.

¶ An acte concernyng that no person or persons straungers, being a common baker, bruer, surgeon, or scriuener, shall be expounded hande craftes men. Cap. xiii.

Where diuers estatutes penall heretofore haue been made against straungers artificers for exercisyng of handy craftes within this realme, & for keppyng of houses, apprentises & seruauntes estraungers, as by the said seuerall estatutes more playnly is reherced. Wythen the makyng wherof, bere bruers and bakers, which been common vitellers, and also Surgens and scriueners beyng straungers, inhabited and dwellyng within this realme, haue beene put to trouble and greate vexacion by occasion of informacions brought againe them vpon the sayde estatutes, supposyng that straungers vsynge bakynge, bruynge, surgerie or wrytyng shoulde be hande craftes men: vpon the whiche informacion greate doubtes and ambiguities haue risen, whether straungers vsynge any of the saide misteries or sciences shoulde be vnderstande suche hande craftes men as were entended by any the sayd estatutes. For plaine declaracion wherof it is enacted by the kynge our souereigne lorde, and the

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lordes ſpirituall & temporal and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, & by auctorite of the ſame, that no perſon or perſons ſtraūgers beyng a common baker, bruer, ſurgeon or ſcriuener ſhalbe enterprete or expounded hande craftes men, in for or by reaſon of vſyng any of the ſaid miſteries or ſciences of bakyng, bruing, ſurgery or writynge: And that all informacions, ſuites, actions, and proces had taken or hereafter to be taken vpon any of the ſaied eſtatutes againe any ſuche ſtraunger or ſtraungers, beyng bakers, bruers, ſurgeons or ſcriueners ſhall be by auctorite of this preſent acte voyde and of none effecte.

¶An acte concernyng how perſons committyng petie treaſon murder or felonie ſhall abiure. Cap. xiiii.

THe kynge our ſoueraygne lorde conſiderynge that many of his ſubiectes heretofore for their offences and merites haue been putte to execucion of death by the lawes of this realme: and many other committyng like offences for tuicion of their liues, haue fledde and reſorted to churches and other halowed places within this realme, and there beyng haue abiured the realme before the kynges Coronors of the ſame: Diuers of whiche men (ſo abiurynge) haue been knowen to be very experte mariners, and many other haue been ſeen to be very able and apte men for the warres and defence of this realme, ſo that by the one meane and the other the ſtrengthe and power of this realme is greatly miniſhed. And diuers of the ſaied perſons, which heretofore haue abiured this realme, beynge by reaſon of their abiuracions in outwarde realmes and countries, haue not onely procured many men of the ſame to the exerciſe and practiſe of archerie, and haue inſtructed them in the feate and knowledge therof, to the greate encreaſe and fortificacions of the ſame outwarde realmes and countreys: but alſo the ſame abiured perſons haue diſcloſed their knowledges of the commodites and ſecretes of this realme, to no littell damage and preiudice of the ſame. The kynges hyghneſſe therfore dayly ſtudyeng and deuiſynge to prouide for the ſafegarde of this his realme and of his ſubiectes: Albeit they be trangreſſours of his lawes, ſo that the incommodities enſuynge vpon ſuche abiuracions to be preſerued to the beſt effecte as farre as ſhall pleaſe God to geue them grace, hath ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of this preſente parliamente, that if any perſonne hereafter flee or reſorte to any paryſhe churche Cimitorie or other lyke halowed place for tuicion of his life, by occaſion of any murder, robberie, or other felonie by the ſame perſon committed, and ther vpon confeſſe any murder, felonie or other offence before the coroner, wherfore the ſame perſon by the lawes of this realme heretofore vſed ſhuld abiure and paſſe out of the ſame. The ſame perſon there vpon ſhall abiure from all his li-

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bertie of this realme, and from his liberall and free habitacions resortes and passages to and fro the vniuersall places of this realme, whiche appertayne to the libertie of the kinges subiectes vndefamed, and shal forthwith be directed by the coroner, takyng and recordynge suche abiuracion, to any one saintuarie beynge within this realme, whiche the same person will electe and chose, there to remayne as a sayntuarie person abiured, duryng his naturall life, and to be sworne afore the coroner vpon his abiuracion so to do, and to be burned in the hand according to the statute in that case provided. And euery person so abiured shall be directed and conueyed to the same sayntuarie by him chosen, by the constables and other officers and in euery behalf ordered after like maner and fourme as he should haue been in case he shoulde haue abiured this realme for any murder or felonie after the lawes of the lande. And if after such abiuracion any person so abiured come out of the same seyntuarie, to the whiche he was assygned, and be taken without the same saintuarie not hauynge the kinges special pardon or licence so to do: than euery suche person abiured, and after abiuracion taken without saintuarie wherunto he was assigned, shall suffer such like payne of death, and after like maner be ordered, as he should haue don and been, in case he had abiured this realme for murder or felonie, and after suche abiuracion had retourned agayne into this realme contrarie to the lawes of this lande.

¶ And further more it is enacted, that if any such saintuary person so abiured, or any other person or persons, whiche nowe be or is, or hereafter shall happen to be in any saintuarie of this realme, for doyng any pety treson murder or felony, or for beyng accessary to any such offences: or if any person or persons, which at any time hereafter shall take any saintuary of this realme, for doyng any petie treason murder or felony, or for beyng accessary to any such offences, or vpon abiuracion, and so beyng in sauntuary for or vpon any suche cause matter or offence, afterwarde commit or doo any pety treason, murder or felony within the same saintuary, or be accessary to any such offences, or go out of the same sauntuary & committe any pety treason murder or felony, or be accessarie to any such offences, and after come agayne to the same saintuarie, or take any other sauntuary for the same, euery suche person and persones beyng indited for any of the sayde causes or offences, shal lose the priuelege of the same saintuarie by him taken, & of euery other saintuary within this realme for any such cause of pety treason murder felony or abiuracion, and for any accessary to any suche offences. And that it shalbe leful to all and singuler Justices of peace, and the highe Sheriffe of the countie or other place, where the sayntuarie is, and to all and singuler Mayres, sheriffes and bailiffes of cities and townes corporate, where such seintuary is, and to euery of them, and to the seruauntes, ministers and officers, or any or euery of the same Justices of peace, sheriffes, Mayres and baylyffes in theyr presence to take out of the

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same sainctuarie or sainctuaries, al and euery such sainctuarie person or persons so offendynge as is aforesayde, and beyng endited of the same, and to committe or put him or them into the kynges Gaole within the shire or libertie, where any suche inditemente is founde agaynst any suche persone, safely to be kepte til they shalbe of the same petie treason, murder or felony or of the accessarie to any suche offences, whereof they shal happe to be endited, conicted, attainted or discharged by the lawe. And if any person or persons, which shalbe indited of any petie treason, murder or felony, or of any accessarie to any suche offence, happen hereafter to be taken out of any sainctuarie for the same by auctoritie of this statute, & vpon his or their arrainment plede sainctuarie, according to the order of the lawe: than it is enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that as well the kinges attourney as euery other person for the kyng shalbe admitted to obiecte and alege, that the person so arrained afore the doyng of the offence or offences, wherof he than is arrained, did take priuiledge of sainctuarie in the same sainctuary, wher of he allegeth him to be taken out, or in any other place priuileged within this realme vpon any abiuracio, or for any other petty treason murder or felony than wher of he is arrayned, and that he there had & inioyed, priuiledge of sainctuarie for the same, and that he so hauyng ones priuiledge of sainctuarie in the same, did commit the offence of petie treason murder or felony, wher of he than is arrained: or that he went out of the said sainctuary, and committed the same offence, whereof he is indited and arrained, and pray that suche person so arrained may be excluded of restitucion to the sainctuary by him demaunded. And in case the saied plee and obiection, so alleged, be denied by the person so arrained, than it is further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that it shall be forthwith tried afore the same Justices, where suche person is so arrayned, and by the same iurours of the same countie, that shall trie the petie treason murder or felony, whereof he is arrayned, without further delay, in whatsoeuer courte or counties, place or places of this realme, the same other takyng of sainctuarie shalbe alleged or obiected to be done or had. And if the plee so obiected against the saied person arreined, be tried against him by verdit of .xii. men, or by his owne confession and also it be founde by verditte of .xii. men, or by his owne confession, accordynge to the order of the lawe, that he is giltie of the petie treason, murder or felony, or of any accessarie to any suche offence, whereof he is so arrayned, that then like iudgement and execution shall be giuen and done vpon euery suche person as though he had be no sainctuarie person, nor had clayned or required the priuilege of the same. And if any suche persone be lawfully acquited of the petie treason murder or felony, wherof he shall be so endited and arrained, then he shall be restored to the same sainctuary out of the whiche he was taken, there to haue the priuilege of the same, in like maner as he had before.

¶ Prouided alway, that if any person beyng or abydyng in any sainctuary as

as a ſainctuarie perſone, hereafter ſhall happen to be indited for any maner of felony ſuppoſed to be cõmitted by him or her goyng out of the ſame or any other ſaintuary, and committyng the ſame felony whiles that he or ſhe ſo was a ſaintuary perſone, he or ſhe beyng endited of any ſuche felony ſuppoſed to be done without the ſaintuary, ſhal not be taken out of the ſaintuary, wherein the ſame perſon ſhall than be reſident, before that he or ſhe be examined thereof by two of the kynges moſte honourable counſayle, or by foure Juſtices of peace of the ſhyre, where the ſaintuary is, wherein the perſon ſo indited is reſident. And yf the ſame perſon ſo endited within foure daies after the firſt examinacion do make ſuch profe as the ſaied examiners by their diſcrecions ſhall thinke ſufficient, that the ſame perſon was in the ſaintuary at the time of the ſayed felony committed: than he or ſhe making ſuche proſe ſhal be ſuffred to remayne and be in the ſame ſaintuary, without any extraction frõ the ſame, the ſayde enditement or any thyng in this acte aboue writtẽ not withſtandyng.

¶ Prouided alſo, that if any perſone, whiche was at any tyme a ſaintuary perſon for any petite treaſon, murder, or felony, obtayne and haue the kynges pardon, and therby or otherwiſe be at large and out of ſayntuary diſcharged or purged of that offence or cauſe, wherefore the ſame perſone toke ſayntuary, and afterwarde do committe other pety treaſon felony or manſlaughter by chaunce medly, and not murder of malice prepenſed, and ther vppon agayne take ſaintuary for any ſuche petie treaſon felonie or manſlaughter by chaunce medly: the ſame perſon ſhall haue and enioy the pryuilege of ſaintuary for that his or her other offence of pety treaſon felony or manſlaughter by chaunce medly, as the ſame perſon mought haue had before the makyng of this acte, any thing in the ſame acte cõteyned not withſtandyng.

¶ And ouer this for more ſpedy trials of murders & felonies, be it enacted by auctorite afore ſayd, that al maner of foreyne plees triable by the countrey hereafter to be pleded by any perſone or perſones arrayned vpon any enditement for any pety treaſon murder or felony, ſhall be forth with tried before the ſame Juſtices afore whome ſuche perſons ſhal be arrayned, and by the ſame iurours of the ſame county that ſhal trie the pety treaſon murder or felony, whereof he ſhall ſo be arrayned, without any further reſpite or delay, in what ſo euer countie or counties, place or places of this realme the matter of the ſame plees be ſuppoſed or alleged. And that no perſon arrained for any pety treaſon murder or felony be from hensforth admitted to any peremptorie chalenge aboue the nombre of. xx. This acte to endure to the ende of the nexte parliament.

¶ Prouyded alwayes that no perſone or perſones be hereafter excluded or in any wiſe hurted to haue and enioy any priuilege of ſaintuary for any offence or offences, beyng of any hier nature in the lawe than the offences and cauſes ſpecified in this act be: but that euery perſone and perſones for

suche offences of hier nature may haue and enioye priuilege of saintuarie, in as free and liberall maner and after suche forme, as they moughte haue do by the lawes and customes of the realme afore the making of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

An acte concernyng the kynges generall pardon for his spirituall subiectes. Cap.xv.

THe kynge our souerayne Lorde, callynge to his blessed and moste graciouse remembraunce, that his good and louyng subiectes, the moste Reuerende father in God the Archebyshoppe of Canturburie, and other bysshoppes, suffraganes, prelates, and other spyrituall persones of the prouince of the archebyshopryche of Canturburie of this his realme of Englande, and the mynysters vnder written, whiche haue exercised, practised, or executed in spyritualle courtes, and other spirituall Jurisdictions within the saied prouynce, haue fallen and incurred into dyuers daungers of his lawes by thynges doone, perpetrated, and commytted, contrary to the order of his lawes, and specially contrary to the fourme of the statutes of prouisours, prouisions, and Premunire, and his hyghnesse hauyng alwaie tender eye with mercie pitie and compassion, towarde his saied spirituall subiectes, mindyng of his hyghe goodnesse and greate benignitee so alwayes to imparte the same vnto thē, as Justice beyng daily administred, all rigour be excluded, and the great and beneuolent myndes of his saied subiects largely and many times approued toward his highnesse, and specially in their conuocacion and Sinode nowe presently beyng in the Chapiter howse of the monastery of westminster, by correspondence of gratitude to theym to be requited: of his mere mocion benignitie and liberalitee by auctoritie of this his parliament, hath giuen and granted his liberalle and free pardon to his sayde good and louyng spirytuall subiectes, and the saied ministers and to euery of theym to be had, taken, and enioyed to and by theym and euery of theym by vertue of this presente acte in maner and fourme ensewynge, that is to witte: The kynges highnes of his sayed benignitee and high liberalitee, in consideracion that the saied archebyshop bysshops and clergie of the saied prouince of Canturbury in their saied conuocation nowe beyng, haue gyuen and granted to hym a subsidie of one hundreth thousande poundes of lawefull money currant in this realme to bee leuied and collected by the saied cleargie at their propre costes and charges, and to be payed in certayne fourme specified in their saied graunte thereof, is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it bee ordeyned, establysshed, and enacted by auctoritee of this his saied parliamente, that the moste Reuerende father in God William Archebysshoppe of Canturburie metropolytane and primate of all Englande,

Englande, and all other bysshoppes and suffraganes, prelates, abbottes, priours, and theyr conuentes, and euery person of the same conuentes, and conuentes corporate, and euery persone of the same conuentes corporate, abesses, prioresses, and religiouse nunnes, and all other religious and spirituall persones, deanes and chapiters, and other dignities of cathedralle and collegiall churches, prebendaries, canons, and pety cannons, vycars, and clerkes of the same, and euery persone of the same, all archedeacons, maysters, prouostes, presidentes, wardeynes of colleges, and of collegyate churches, maysters, and wardeynes of hospitalles, all felowes, bretherne, scholers, prestes, and spirituall conductes, and euery of the same, and all vycars generall of dioses, chauncellours, commissaries, officialles, and deanes ruralles, and all ministers, hereafter generally rehersed of any spirituall courte or courtes within the sayed prouince of Canturbury, that is to say, al iudges, aduocates, registers, and scribes, proctours constituted to iudgementes, and apparitours, and all other whiche within the saied prouynce of the archebyshopriche of Canturbury, at any tyme heretofore haue administred, exercised, practised, or executed in any iurisdiccions within the saied prouince, as officers and ministers of the sayed courtes, or haue bene ministres or executours to the exercise or administracion of the same, and all and singular politike bodies spirituall, in any maner wise corporated, and all persones vycars curates chauntrie prestes, stipendaries, and all and euery persone and persones spirituall of the clergy of the sayd prouince of Canturbury in this present acte of pardon hereafter not excepted, or to the cõtrary not prouided for, by what so euer name or surname, name of dignite, preeminẽce, or office, thei or any of them be or is named or called, the successours, heires, executours, & administratours of them, & of euery of theym, shal be by auctorite of this present pardon, acquited, pardoned, released, and discharged agaynst his highnesse, his heires, successours, and executours, and euery of them of al and al maner offences contemptes, and trespasses cõmitted or done agaynst all and singular statute and statutes of prouisours, prouisions, and premunire, and euery of them, and of all forfaitures & titles that may grow to the kinges highnes by reason of any of the same statutes, and of al and singular trespasses wronges deceites misdemeanours forfaitures penalties and profites, sommes of money, peynes of death, peynes corporall and pecuniar, as generally of all other thynges, causes, quarels, suites, iudgements, and exaccions in this present act, hereafter not excepted nor forprised, whiche may be or can be by his highnes in any wise or by any meanes pardoned before and to the tenth day of the moneth of March, in the .xxii. yere of his most noble reigne to euery of his said louing subiectes that is to say, to the said archbishop, and other the said bishops, suffraganes, prelates, abbots, priours, & conuentes, and euery person of the same conuentes, and cõuentes corporate, and euery person of the same conuẽtes corporate, abesses, prioresses, nunnes, & spirituall persons

indignitee, and all other religions and ſpirituall perſons, deanes, chapiters, prebendaries, canons, petie canons, vycars choralles, and clerkes, archedeacons, mayſters, prouoſtes, preſidentes, wardeynes, felowes, bretherne, ſcholers, prieſtes, and ſpirituall conductes, Chauncellours, vicars general of dioceſis, commiſſaries, officials, deanes ruralles, al iudges, aduocates, regiſters, and ſcribes, proctours, & apparitours, which haue adminiſtred practiſed or executed any iuriſdictiõ in any ſpiritual court within the ſayd prouince, and to the ſayd politike bodies, ſpirituall perſons, vicars curates chantrie prieſtes ſtipẽdaries, and to all and euery perſon and perſons ſpirituall of the clergie of the ſaied prouince, and to all and euery other perſon or perſons before named.

¶ Alſo the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctorite of this preſent parlyament, that this ſaied free pardon, ſhall be as good and effectuall in the lawe to euery of his ſaied ſpirituall ſubiectes of the ſaied prouynce, and to euery of them, and to the ſaied miniſters and euery of them, and to all and euery of the ſayd bodies corporate, and other perſons before named, & to euery of them, by theſe general wordes before reherſed, in all thynge, whiche be not hereafter in this preſente acte excepted, as the ſaied pardon ſhoulde haue bene, if all offences, contemptes, and forfaytures, cauſes, matters, ſuites, quarelles, iudgements, execucions, penalties, and all other thynges not hereafter excepted, had ben particularly, ſingularly & plainly pardoned named reherſed & ſpecified by proper or expreſſe wordes and names in their kindes natures, and qualities in wordes and termes therunto requiſed in the ſaied pardon. And that his ſaied ſubiectes hereafter not excepted, nor any of them, their ſaied miniſters, ſucceſſours, heyres, executours, nor adminiſtratours of any of them, nor any of theym, nor any of the ſaied bodies corporate, be nor ſhall be ſued, vexed, nor inquieted in their bodies goodes, lãdes nor cattals for any maner matter cauſe contempte myſedemeanour forfayture treſpas offence, or any other thinge ſuffered, done or committed before the ſaied tenthe day of Marche againſt the kynges hyghneſſe, his crowne, prerogatiue, lawes, ſtatutes or dignitie, but only for ſuch cauſes matters and offences, as be ſpecially & playnly reherſed in the excepcions forpriſes and prouiſiõs in this preſent pardõ hereafter mencioned and for none other, any ſtatute or ſtatutes, lawes, cuſtomes, vſe, or preſident heretofore made or vſed to the cõtrary in any wiſe not withſtandyng.

¶ Alſo the kynges highnes of his bounteouſe liberalitie, by auctorite of this preſent parliament graunteth and freely giueth vnto his ſaied ſpirituall ſubiectes, and their ſaied miniſters, that is to ſaye, the ſaied Archebyſſhoppe, and all other the ſaied byſſhoppes, ſuffraganes, prelates, abbottes, pryours, conuentes, abbeſſes, prioreſſes, nunnes, and ſpirituall perſones in dignitee, and all other religiouſe and ſpirituall perſones, deanes, chapiters, prebendaries canons, pety canons, vycars choralles, and

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clerkes, archedeacons, maisters, prouostes, presidentes, wardeynes, felowes, bretherne, scholers, priestes, spirituall conductes. Chauncellours, vicars general of diocesse, commissaries, officials, deanes, ruralles, iudges, aduocates, regesters, scribes, proctours, and apparitours, bodies corporate, and politike bodies, spirituall persones, vycars, curates, chaunterie priestes, stipendiaries, and to all other persons, spirituall men and women of the clergy or spiritualtie of the saied prouince, and to euery of them, all such goodes, cattalles, fynes, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaitures, and summes of money by any of them forfaited, whiche to his highnes do or should belonge or appertayne by reason of any offence, contempte, mysdemeanour trespas matter cause or quarell suffered done or committed by them or any of them before the sayed tenth daye of Marche, whiche be not hereafter specially and plainly forprysed and excepted in this present act of pardon. And that all and euery of the sayde spirituall subiectes, and their saied ministers, and all and euery of the said bodies corporate & other persons before named, may by himselfe or his or their atturney or attourneis, according to the lawes of this realme, pleade and minister this present act and free pardō, for his or their discharge of and for euery thing that is ther by pardoned, without any fee or other thing therfore in any wise payeng to any person or persons for pleadyng writyng or entree of iudgement, or for any other cause, concernyng the same, but onely .xii.d. to the clerke that shal enter the plee matter or iudgement for his or their discharge in that behalf, any statute or vse to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And furthermore the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that his said free pardon in al maner courtes of his lawes, & els where, shalbe reputed deemed iudged allowed and taken as wel in the wordes and clauses of the excepcions and forprises specified in this present pardon and acte, as in all and singular the other clauses wordes and sentences mēcioned & rehersed in the sayd free pardon, moste beneficially and auailably to all and singular his sayed subiectes, and to euery of the sayed bodies corporate, and polityke bodies spirituall, and to euery person spirituall of the sayde clergie and spiritualtie, and to their saied ministers and officers, and to all other persones afore named, and to euery of them, and to the successours, heires, executours, and ministratours of euery of them, and moste strongely in barre and discharge against his highnesse; his heires, successours, and executours in euery thing without obstacle chalenge or other delaie whatsoeuer it be, to be made, pleded obiected or alleged by the king our soueraigne lorde, his heires, successours, or executours, or by his or any of their generall attourney or atturneys, or by any other person or persons for his highnes, or any of his heires successours or executours.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, and by auctoritee of this presēt parliamēt, that if any officer or clerk of any of his

high courtes comonly called the kinges benche, Chaūcery, & cōmon place, or of his escheker, or any other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme, after the feast of Ester next cōmyng, make out or write out any maner of writtes or other procesſe, or any extractes or other preceptes, wherby any persone or persones of his said subiects, or any of the said bodies corporate, or politike bodies spiritual, or any of them, shal be in any wise arrested attached distreined sōmoned or otherwise vexed troubled or greued in his or their bodies, landes, tenemēts, goodes or cattalles, or in any of them for or bicause of any maner of thyng acquited, pardoned, released or discharged by this present acte of free pardon, he so offendynge and therof lawfully condemned, shall yelde and paie for recompence thereof to the partie so greued or offēded treble damages, accōpted as percel of those damages all costes of the suite. And neuertheleſſe all and singular suche writtes procesſe extractes and preceptes after the saied feaſte of Ester to be made for or vpon any maner thyng acquited pardoned released or discharged by this present act of free pardon, shal be vtterly voide & of none effect.

¶ Excepted alwaies and forprised out of this pardō al maner of high treasons, al prepensed & voluntarie murders, al robberies of churches & roberies done vpō or to mēs persons, al other felonies & roberies by the comon lawe, or felonous takyng of monie, goodes, and cattalles aboue the value of.xx.s. all felonies brennynges of houses, all carnall rauiſhmentes of women, all rayſynge of recordes, all vtlaries of high treasons, & of all maner of felonies other than felonies to the saied value of.xx.s. or vnder the some. And that all other outlawries had promulged vpon or agayuſt any of the kynges saied subiectes for any cauſe not beyng treaſon murder or felonie aboue the saied some of.xx.s. to be pardoned by the generall wordes of this pardone aforesaid, so alway that the same said subiectes and euery of them so beyng outlawed, shāde to right to answere or satiſfie the party, at whose suite he is outlawed accordyng to the lawes of this realme.

¶ Also excepted and forprised out of this pardon all titles and accions of Quare impedit, and titles of presentacions donacions & collacions to benefices and other promocions spiritual, whiche the kyng our ſoueraygne lord hath or is intitled to haue other than be growē shuld or might growe vnto our saied ſoueraygne lord by force or meane of any ſtatute or ſtatutes of prouiſours prouiſions or premunire.

¶ And also excepted and forprised out of this pardon all rauiſhementes of the kinges wardes, al waſtes of the kings woddes in his foreſtes, parkes and chaſes, all conceylementes of cuſtomes and ſubſidies, all riottes, rowtes, and vnlawful aſſemblies committed and done aboue the nomber of twenty persones.

¶ And also excepte all maner of alyenacions and giftes into mortmayne, and al alienacions giftes aſſygnementes willes and lymittacions of vſes of any manours landes tenementes rentes annuities and other hereditamentes

mentes to the vse of any maner mortmayne, and al intrusions hadde made or done in or into any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamētes, sithen the feast of the Natuitie of our lorde god, in the .xxii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraygne lorde, and also all offences committed and done by diggyng downe or castyng downe of any crosse or crosses, whiche stode or were sette in any common or high way or waies, & al and singular dettes other than dettes growen vpon recognisances beynge all redy forfaited for suertie of the peace, or for apparaunce at any day or place.

¶ And excepted and forprised out of this pardon all accomptes and all actions, suites and impeticions for the same accompte and arrerages of accomptes, and for the said dettes or any of them hereby excepted and forprised, all homages and relieffes, all wilfull escapes, as well of comunes as of other persons, dettes whiche were due to the moste noble kynge of famous memorie kyng Henry the .viii. or to any person or persones to his vse, by any condempnacion, recognisaunce, obligacion or other wise, all and synguler those forfaitures due to our soueraygne lorde kynge Henrie the viii. by any penall statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted into the nature of dette by iudgement or by agreemēt of the offendours before the said tenth day of Marche, and all forfaitures and other penalties and profites growen or due by reason of any offence or acte committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common law, whereof any seysour is made, or any informacion geuen in the kinges escheker, or any sute commensed before the sayde tenthe day of Marche, or whereof the kynges highnes by his bille signed or otherwise hath made any gifte or assygnement to any of his seruauntes, other than suche actions, suites, forfaitures penalties and profites growen or due, or which might growe or be dewe to the kynges highnes by reason of any offence, contempte, or act committed or done contrary to the sayed statute of prouisours, prouisions & Premunire or any of them.

¶ And also excepted all issues forfaited fines and amerciamentes affiered, taxed, sette, extreted, or iudged seuerally or particularly extendyng aboue the somme of C. xx. s. And that all and singular other fines, as well fines prolicencia concordandi, as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes as well reall as other, whiche seuerally or particularly extende not aboue the sayde somme of C. xx. s. whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the shiriffe or not taken to his charge, extreted or not extreted, whether thei be tourned into Dette or not Dette, and not beyng leuied nor receiued by any sheriffe or sheriffes, baylliffes, ministers, or other officers, shalbe fully clerely and playnely pardoned and discharged to euery of the kynges subiectes before rehersed against the kynge our soueraygne lorde his heires and successours for euer.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritee aforesayd, that in case it be obiected to any Sheriffe, or Sheriffes, or other accomptauntes in the

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kynges court of his eſcheker, or in any other his courtes, that any ſheriffe or ſheriffes, or other officers accomptauntes hath or haue receiued or taken any ſuche fines illues or amerciamentes before pardoned releaſſed or acquited: than euery ſuche ſheriffe and ſheriffes and other accomptauntes ſhalbe diſcharged releaſſed pardoned and acquited therof by his or theyr othe without any further triall in that behalfe.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte of free pardon ſhall not in any wiſe extende or be beneficiall or auayleable in any thing to the reuerende father in God John archbiſhop of Dyuelen now beyng in the kynges lande and dominion of Irelande, nor ſhall in any wiſe extende to pardon, diſcharge, releaſe or acquite the byſhoppe of Hereford, nor ſhall extende or be beneficial to Peter Ligham clerke, John Baker clerke, Adam Trauers clerke, Robert Cliffe clerke, Roulande Philippes, and Thomas Pelles clerkes.

¶ Prouided alſo that this acte of pardon ſhall not extende or be preiudicial to the kyng our ſouer aygne lorde, his heyres or ſucceſſours in any thyng concernyng or towchynge his right and title of diſſolucion of the college beyng in the vniuerſitie of Oxford, commonly called the Cardynalles, college, whiche was lately founded by the late reuerende father in God, Thomas late Cardynall and archebyſhop of Yorke, nor concernynge the kinges right and title to the ſuite of the ſame college, nor ſhall extende or be in any wiſe beneficiall or auayleable to the deane and canons of the ſame college, or any of them in any thynge concernyng the kynges rightes and titles in all manours, lordeſhippes, landes, and tenementes, aduoulons, churches, perſonages, and other hereditamentes of the ſaied college or any of them.

¶ Prouided alſo, that allowance ſhall be had to the clergy of the ſayed prouince of Canturbury out of the ſayed ſomme of one hundred thouſande pounds of all and ſingular ſuch ſummes of money, as ſhall be reaſonably taxed and aſſeſſed to be paied by the perſons afore named, beynge fully excepted and forprifed out and from the benefite of this free pardon, that is to ſay, the ſayed archebiſhop of Dyuelen, and the ſaied biſhoppe of Hereford, and the ſaid Peter Ligham, John Baker, Adam Trauers, Robert Cliffe, Roulande Philippes, and Thomas Pelles, bycauſe that they and euery of them, ſhall not be contributours nor charged to the payemente of the ſaied ſomme of one hundrede thouſande pounds.

¶ Prouided alſo that this act of free pardon ſhall not extend nor be in any wiſe beneficiall to any clerke or other perſon of the ſayde clergy or ſpiritualtie, beyng the ſaied tenthe day of Marche in the cuſtody of the ſayde archebiſhoppe, or of any other ordinarie of the ſaied prouince, as a perſon attaynted or conuicted by the lawes of this realme, of any murder, felonie or other crime or offence for or concernynge deliuerannce oute of the ſaied conuicte priſon, till that he ſhall haue made his purgacion, accordyng to the lawes or cuſtomes vſed in that behalfe, or that he be thereof

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discharged by the the kynges pardon or other lawfull meane.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this acte shal not extende nor in any wise be beneficial or auayleable to any spirituall person, spirituall body corporated or politike, or other spirituall person, hauyng any dignitee, benefice, promocion, or other spirituall liuelode, within the prouince of Yorke, other than to euery of them, whiche by his or their particuler obligacion to bee made in due and perfecte fourme of the law, accordynge to the effecte of a note or minute vnder written, doo bynde him or them selfe before the laste day of May next commynge, in certaine reasonable somme of money, not exceedyng the somme of twoo yeres value of his or their dignitees, benefices, promocions or other spirituall liuelode, keynge or lyeng within the sayd prouince of Yorke, to sir Brian Tuke knight, treasorer of the kinges, most honorable chamber, Christopher Hales the kinges generall attourney, and Baldewin Malette the kinges Sollicitour, or to the ouer liuers or ouer liuer of them, or to any other like Tresourer, Atturney, or Solicitour for the time beyng, or to any two of them, to be payd to the kinges vse vpon certaine condicions specified in the saied note or minute, the whiche note or minute hereafter ensueth.

NOuerint vniuersi per presentes me Ioannem A. de. T. in comitatu Mid. Clericum teneri & firmiter obligari, Briano Tuke militi, Thesaurario camere domini Regis, Christophoro Hales generali attornato eiusdem domini Regis, & Baldvino Malette Solicitatori ipsius domini Regis, in libris legalis monete Anglie soluend. eisdem Briano, Christophoro, & Baldvino, aut eorum vni, execut. vel assignatis suis, ad vsum domini Regis in festo sancti Bertholomei apostoli prox. futur. post datum presentium. Ad quam quidem solutionem. et. c. In cuius rei testimonium &c. Datum die Anno regni domini Henrici octaui dei gratia Anglie & Francie regis, fidei defensoris & domini Hibernie.

¶ The condicion of this obligacion is suche, that where the mooste Reuerend father in God wylliam Archebishop of Canturbury Metropolitane and primate of al Englande, and other prelates, and the clergie of the prouince of Canturbury in their synodal conuocacion begon in the Cathedral churche of saynete Paule of London, in the. v. day of Nouember in the yere of our lord god M. CCCCC. xxix. and lately for certayne vrgente causes proroged vnto the chapiter house set within the monastery of sainct Peter of westminster, haue graunted to our saied soueraigne lord the king a subsidie of one hundred thousand poũdes of currant money within this realm to be leuied and collected of the goodes and possessions ecclesiastical of the same prouince, and to be paied to our saied soueraigne lorde in fiue yeres from and after the feast of the Annunciacion of our lady sainte Mary laste past in certaine fourme specified in the graunt of the same subsidie. If the before bounden John A. his executours or assignes do pay or cause to bee paied

paied to the collectour or collectours of suche subsidie, as hereafter shall be graunted to the kinges highnes by the bisshops and other prelates and the clergie of the prouince of Yorke in the Synodall conuocacion of the same bisshoppes, prelates and clergie to be holden or kept in the same prouince, as muche and as many of all and singular those sommes of money, which shalbe assessed taxed and sette for and vpon the saide John A. for and vpon those spirituall dignitees, benefices liuelode and other spirituall possessions and promocions, whiche the same John A. now hath in the same prouince of yorke, as by the same John A. or his executours shall be due to be paied accordyng to the fourme and effecte of the same graunte hereafter to be made. And in case that no suche subsidie shall be graunted to the kyng our soueraygne lorde, by the sayde bisshoppes, prelates, and clergie of the sayde prouince of yorke before the feaste of saynte Michaell the archangell nexte commyng, or that a subsidie shall be graunted to the kynge by the same bisshoppes, prelates and clergie before the same feaste, whiche subsidy shall not extende or amounte to suche like rate and porcion for the prouince of yorke in comparison of the sayde somme of one hundred thousand pou̅des currant money of Englande now graunted vnto the kynges highnes by the sayde clergie of the sayde prouince of Canturburie, as the subsidie laste graunted to his highnesse by the prelates and clergie of the prouince of yorke in their conuocacion begon the .xxii. day of Marche, the yere of our lorde. M. D. xxii. and afterwarde proroged to westminster, was in comparison to the rate and porcion of the subsidie graunted to his hyghnesse by the prelates and clergie of the prouince of Canturbury in their conuocacio̅ begonne at Paules churche in London the .v. day of Nouember, the yere of our lorde M. D. xxix. than if the sayd John A. or his executours do pay or cause to be payed to the Treasourer of the kynges chamber for the time beyng for all his sayde spirituall dignitees, benefices liuelode & other spirituall possessions and promocions beyng or lyeng in the sayde prouince of yorke suche and like sommes of money after the rates of the yerely values of the same his spirituall dignitees, benefices, liuelode possessions, & promocions, as the same John A. or any other spirituall person or spirituall body corporated or politike shall pay for and in contribucion to the payment of the sayd subsidie of one hundred thousande poundes graunted by the saied clergie of the sayde prouince of Canturburie for other spiritual other spirituall dignitees, benefices, liuelode and possessions and promocions beyng of like yerely values, and beyng or lying within the same prouince of Canturbury, and in the same feastes within the sayed fiue yeres to be payde: In whiche the sayde subsidie of one hundred thousande pounde is graunted to be paide: than this present obligacion shalbe voyde and of none effecte, or els it shall stande in full strength and vertue.

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¶ An acte concernyng the kynges generall pardon for his temporall subiectes. cap. xvi.

THe kyng our soueraigne lorde, hauyng alway moste tender zele fauour and affection vnto his most louyng temporall and lay subiectes of this his realme of Englande and of wales, Caleys and marches of the same, and inwardely remembryng the manyfolde greate offences transgressions and cõtemptes perpetrated, committed and done by diuers and many of the saied temporall and lay subiectes agaynst his highnesse his crowne regally and iurisdiction royall, contrarie to the statutes of prouisions, prouisours and premunire: by reason wherof thei so offending haue incurred into the daũgers and penalties of the same statutes, in such wise that if his highnes would attempt or pursue those his sayd temporal and lay subiectes by the proces & course of his lawes, they should thereby not onely forfaite and lese their landes, tenementes goods and cattals, but also they should be out of his gracious protection: his royal maiestie moued with moste tender pitie loue and compassion, and not mindyng to vse and extende all and singuler his penall lawes vpon his subiectes, but as consideracion shall moue his grace, so in parte or in whole to remitte and mitigate the rigour of the same: of his mere mocion and of his benignitie special grace pitie and liberalitie hath geuen and graunted and by auctoritee of this present parliament giueth and graunteth to all and singuler his temporall and lay subiectes and temporall bodies politike and corporated, and to euery of them his most gracious general and free pardon of and for all and all maner offences transgressions and contemptes committed perpetrated or done against the sayd statutes of prouisours prouisions and Premunire, or any of them before the thirteth day of Marche, in the. xxii. yere of his most noble reigne, and all forfaitures, penalties, iudgementes, execucion and peines for the sayed offences transgressions & contemptes, and euery of them.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by auctorite of this parliament, that al and singuler processes, suites prosecutions, and impeticions in any wyse hereafter to be awarded or made against any of his sayde temporall subiectes, or agaynst any of the saied temporall bodies politike and corporated for or vpon any of the saied offences, transgressions, or contemptes cõmitted or done before the saied. xxx. day of Marche, shal be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

God saue the Kynge.

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